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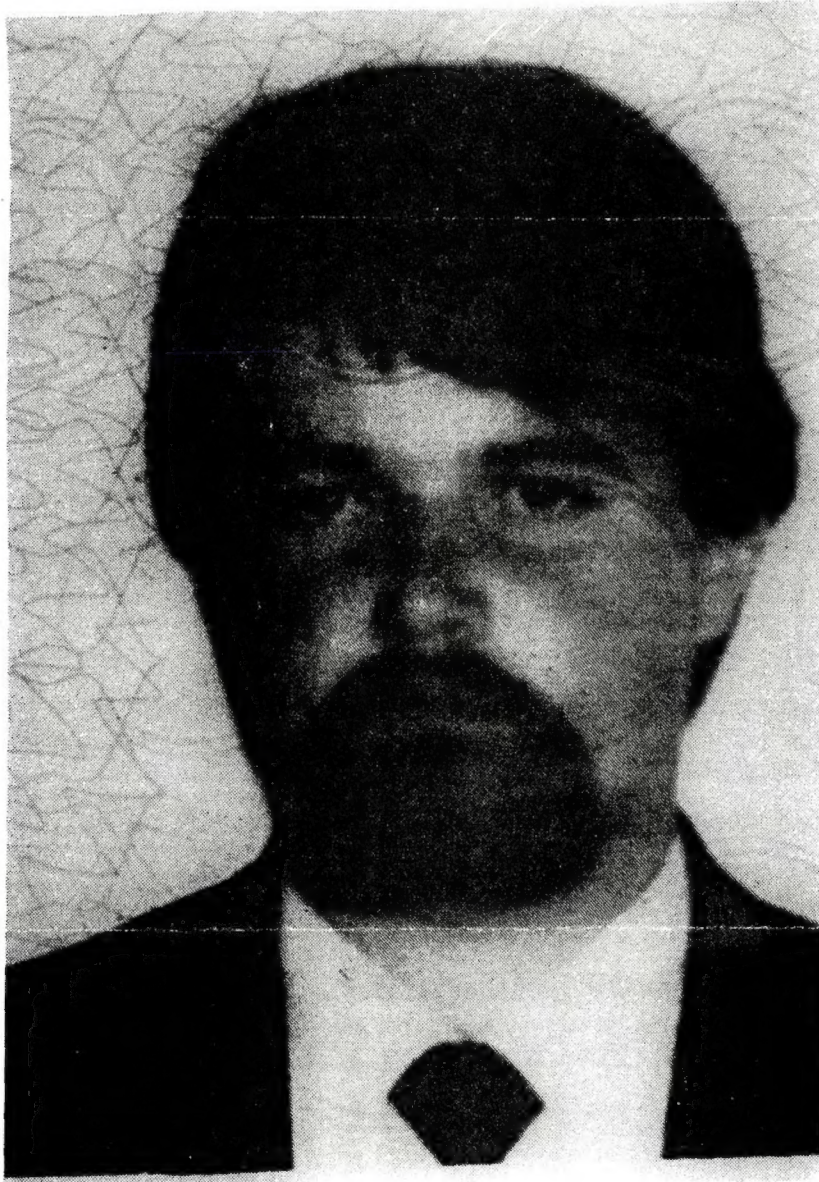
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Ben Alterman



A.K.A. Ben Aldan. Donald M.

Height, 5'5 approximately. Porty with pot belly and gap in front teeth.

Dresses in suits and tie. Neatly dresses.

Wears a peace symbol ring and has a star of David.

IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

Claims to be Jewish and Irish

Guilty of Attempted rape and sexual harrassment of numbers of women.

Stolen housebond money and money from the Melb.punk shop.

Approached people to purchase arms and to commit arson.

Moves in political circles and tries to bullshit people and divide movements and communities.

Been involved in ISO, Anarchist groups, Resistance, F.O.E. and Jewish communities.

Complusive liar and highly manipulative.



When childhood ends: interview with bosco boscovich

by shane starling

ON THE 17TH OF JUNE, 1995, just before midnight, Bosco Boscovich and Mia Catts eased Boscovich's XD Falcon PV to a stop at King's Park. Carrying one Molotov cocktail each, they strode to the French Embassy in West Perth and hurled the Molotovs through windows either side of the French coat-of-arms. There was no ignition of flames, and when they returned some 15 minutes later to check their work, there were still no flames. Unsure of whether what they had done had any effect or not, Boscovich and Catts went back out into the suburbs from which they had come. Boscovich was 20 at the time, Catts 23. The Arson squad later estimated 4 hours before the building was ablaze.

Earlier that evening Boscovich sat at home watching tv. The news was on. A story ran about the resumption of French nuclear testing in the Pacific. Boscovich watched bewildered as the blue waters near the small Pacific atoll boiled into a cauliflower froth. Various dignitaries and diplomats spoke their disapproval. Boscovich became very angry. It was obvious most people were opposed to the testing, yet the French continued to do it. Boscovich realised passive objection was not enough. Passive objection in fact permitted the French Government to continue testing its nuclear weapons. It seemed to him that to not take action was to permit the testing. To sanctify it. So, together with Catts, he took an action which put him behind bars for 53 weeks of his young life. Bosco Boscovich and Mia Catts became Perth's most notorious political terrorists.

BOSCO BOSCOVICH strides into the PICA Cafe wearing a brand new hideously orange Thai-dye t-shirt over which he wears a pair of pale blue denim overalls. He has a huge knapsack on his back and a foot-it scooter under his arm. Boscovich doesn't like to pollute the air if he can help it so he doesn't drive a car. His head is shaven. He's smiling and stops to say hello to someone on his way over to our table. His appearance and demeanour is spritely and

resolute, his step is sprung. He greets us with big smiles and howdie-doodies and we swap excited stories of what we have been doing of late. It's stuffy in the cafe so we take a table outside. The Alexander Library looms above us. Those weird black and white statues in front of it... Since his release Boscovich has been busy working at the WA Museum as a site designer, doing Honours in photography at Curtin Uni, writing, painting, skating,

Godwin saw no organised anarchist movement but cohabited with Mary Woolstonecraft an early feminist who likewise saw no organised feminist movement. Their child, Mary Shelley companion of radical poet Percy Blythe Shelley, went on to write *Frankenstein* the classic Gothic horror novel questioning of Science as Progress.

Proudhon witnessed the socialist movement forming and his writings reflect worker mobilisation shifting from theory to practice of mutualism based on the small-scale and decentralised French society of peasants and artisans.

Michael Bakunin revised mutualist anarchy of evolution and derived collectivism taking into account the growing workers movement unionism and relentless industrialisation which was forming a new international industrial proletariat. Proles were driven off the land and into urban slums and factories. Earlier the followers of General Ned Ludd and Captain Swing in England, or the Molly Maguires in coal mining USA formed secret societies. They used physical force to smash machinery, kill bosses and carry out insurrections as part of a revolution to overthrow the class system where some are very wealthy and most poor.

When Bakunin died in 1876 the socialist movement and union activism were stagnant. Former Bakunin associates Errico Malatesta, Carlo Cafiero, Emilio Covelli and the Jura Federation in Switzerland and Peter Kropotkin modified collectivism to advocate anarcho-communism to carry on the fight without reliance on unionism. Propaganda by the deed to incite local insurrection was undertaken to encourage wider uprisings. This affinity based group activity did not demand large organisation, leadership, or a chain of command. Political action is a personal response guided by reason not just materialistic class or group influence.

Stirner went further calling for the overthrow of mental hierarchy that exists in the brain which prolongs State and God and for people to think for themselves. Insurrection, uprisings by free thinking individuals was the road to change. Revolutions unless based on freedom for each and all are soon dominated by leadership that merely replaced one set of state actors with another. True enough in the Russian, Chinese, Cuban and Vietnamese Revolutions 'left wing' bosses replaced the 'right wing' ones.

The 1890s saw an escalation of strikes and worker mobilisation plus bombings and assassinations of all sorts. Most of these acts were random vendettas against exploiters by families and friends of victims but some were by police agents provocateurs to entrap activists. The state-run and private capitalist media (then as today) was anti-anarchist as anarchy means their end.

In the USA Benjamin Tucker extended the experience of communal-utopian movements of the mid-19th century (influenced by the writings of Godwin, Robert Owen and Charles Fourier) to

adapt Proudhon's mutualism and Stirner's egoism to the self-sufficiency farming and artisan communities. After the American Civil War the USA industrialised forcing people from independence to urban factory dependency. Tucker advocated boycotts, non-payment of taxes, no military service and in emergencies the dynamite bomb to secure the people's rights forever.

Peter Kropotkin continued the anarchist Max Stirner, Benjamin Tucker are denounced as bohemians and propaganda by the deed terrorists, the forerunners of Hakim Bey and John Zerzan and the periodicals *Anarchy: a Journal of Desire Armed* and *Fifth Estate* in the USA.

The Council-communists like Pannekoek, (denounced by Lenin in *Ultra-Leftism an Infantile Disorder*) although coming from a Marxist background took up syndicalist strategy of the workers themselves must decide how to organise and reject the Leninist Party model. The IWW and the CNT in Spain were seen as better and the take over of the CGT in France by the Communist Party and its hierarchy and bureaucracy as everywhere else lead to Stalinism. Like Malatesta in Italy they rejected the trade unions, craft separatism and looked to libertarian communism that is the means and ends must be united because you cannot get to freedom in a bureaucratic way.

Their perspectives were taken up by movements like the International Situationists during the 1960s who took up the rejection of work, forced labour, wage-slavery to the whole realm of society which they denounced as a spectacle. The model of social pacification turned to mass televised 'culture' & new fashionable ideologies, clothes, cars, movies which you watched passively. With disposable income in the highly industrialised countries allowing youth to be a market in themselves this extended profits and social manipulation. It was not just at school and work but in shopping as consumers that people were exploited and their boredom and misery would be the detonator for new revolts. In this new form of capitalism the reproduction and distribution of spectacular commodities invaded all aspects of everyday life. Opposition by the past failed methods of Leninism and its new faces Castrosim/Guevarism and Maoism of bureaucratic State Socialism were exposed as bankrupt and just another stage in the process of developing modern capitalism by using Nationalism dressed up as socialism in one country. Trade Unions were also denounced as brothels. They saw their ideas reflected in the new rebels like the 1956 Hungarian workers Councils uprising crushed by Russian tanks, and the other revolts in East Germany 1953, Poland 1960, Algerian anti-French Colony revolutionaries and the Zengakuren. The Z were a student peasant alliance of radicals who opposed US military bases in Japan and 'development' like

the Narita airport and used direct action run by mass meetings to coordinate sabotage, barricades, riots, strikes. The Watts Riot in Los Angeles (after cops killed a Black in a traffic incident after looting shopping centres the revolt was only suppressed after the National Guard military tanks and all were used.

With the 1968 student revolt in France groups like the Enrage (the angry) took up the tactic of confronting leftists and rightists during the Movement of Occupations by students and later 10 million workers in the general strike.

The Situationists imploded due to harassment and internal squabbling (some split earlier preferring Art to Politics, others were expelled for not being revolutionary enough) but their ideas and strategy and autonomous style was taken up by a new generation of radicals.

In the 1970s as the Vietnam war ended and student protests were ritualised and taken over by bureaucrats of the Left and the non-violent middle class a new push known as Autonomists took up social revolution. In France, Italy and Germany this movement had the spirit of the old council communists wanting independence from the Party and the confrontational style of the Situationists. A long struggle took place within the Autonomists over their relationship to Anarchists. For the most part they want Anarchy but not the ideological dogmatism of the Anarchist Federations as they do come from Marxism. Nevertheless there has been cooperation and new movements like the COBAS workers base rank and file networks have seen anarchists and autonomists cooperating in class solidarity and coordinating through squatted social centres direct action.

ANARCHISTS & THE COMMUNITY

The community in any urban area contains all sorts of people. While economically working class there is division based on access to housing, waged-work and therefore disposable income and on beliefs. These beliefs are a combination of what you learn in your family and what you get from going to school and everyday life. Authoritarians for the most part do raise up new model citizens who vote, pay tax, do what the boss wants, go to the Church of their choice. Who they blame for any denial of their access to the good things of life is manipulated by politicians and the media. High expectations of new cars, housing, clothes, shoes, holidays for as little work as possible and as cheaply as possible is not available to all only 'winners', lucky or the exploiters. It is also unsustainable environmentally for all 5 billion people in the world to own everything fashionable.

PROGRESS?

The new information revolution (computers) has extended the electronic revolution (television, radio, telephone, automobiles, fast food) which in turn extended the industrial revolution (steam-power, railways, suburbanism) once the enclosure system had expelled from the land the peasants forcing them children and all into the workhouses. The agricultural revolution (mass cropping,

forest-clearing, sedentary population, Monarchy and monotheistic religion, domestication of animals) forced hunter-gatherer wandering tribes into permanent settlements by slavery.

Over the centuries opposition to this 'progress' Order has always happened but the victors have written their history against the indigenous peoples and the rebels from the new societies.

AUSTRALIAN ANARCHISTS

The Aboriginal or Indigenous peoples were made up of at least 75 language groups and 250 tribes who have been living with the land for at least 65,000 years making them the longest lasting society on earth. They 'traded' (sailed across the sea and exchanged produce and intermarried) with what is now Indonesian and Malayan tribes for thousands of years. They have survived Chinese, Dutch and Portuguese visitors and most recently British colonisation the forerunner to what is now the Australian Federal & State Governments. Many species of flora and fauna are now extinct due to European agricultural flora and fauna and methods being imposed on the continent. Hard fought battles to resist encroachment by the invaders were undertaken by peoples such as the Kalkadon.

Amongst convicts transported to Australia were the Tolpuddle martyrs who swore oaths to combine together against their employers and the Luddites who revolted against the factory system of measured bosses time, automation, scarcity and inflated food prices. Also sent here were Fenians from Ireland opposed to British rule and the poor who had simply stolen rather than starve.

Uprisings like Castle Hill outside Sydney in 1790? the Eureka Stockade in 1850, the Barcaldine shearers strike in 1891 to the Pilbara pastoral workers 1946 walkout and the Wattle Creek struggle against Lord Vestey organised mass resistance has always been there.

Anarchists like Louise Michel, the French Commune, spoke on the Sydney Domain in 1880? Chummy Fleming organised the first May Day meeting and protest in Australia in Melbourne in 1890.

JA Andrews. The Industrial Workers of the World. The Italian anarchists who as anti-fascists formed the Matteotti Club like Camagnola who went on to northern Queensland and organised strikes in the cane-fields. Bulgarian and Spanish anarchists too came and organised.

In Wonthaggi the coal miners rallied around their town and ran their own education, health and arts centre and during long strikes undertook feeding and continuing the life of the town by assembly.

The libertarian Push in Sydney initiated by JA Anderson of the Sydney University soon spread from students to workers and established anarchism again in the early 60s.

Anarchist student groups came and went around Australia. Some spread off campus like the Self-Management Organisation in Brisbane which was inspired by the Solidarity Group in

Britain who like the French Socialism or Barbarism group had interest in the modern workers councils movement pushed by Paul Cardan/Castoriadis. The Libertarian Workers in Melbourne came from those ex-Brisbane SMO who came here in 1977.

Radical workers groups like the New South Wales Builders Labourers Federation initiated rank and file control so no official to serve more than 3 years and green bans to protect historic buildings, squatters and urban bushland remnants. In Sydney the Rebel Worker Group became the Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation with the Affinity Group in Melbourne in 1986. Melbourne has seen student anarchists, squatter anarchists, public transport worker anarchists, a Free Store in Collingwood in 1972, a squatted centre the firestation in North Fitzroy in 1986 and in 1996 two squatted social centres as well as the Chummy Fleming anarchist bookshop in South Yarra in 1980. Industrial papers

like SPARKS & community papers like *Burning Issue* have been overtaken by Angry People. More recently Barricade Books was set up after the International Workers Club/Black Star Club project stalled. A new push to get a permanent larger premises owned and run along self-managed collective lines is underway.

WHAT NOW?

The three RRR's can be reduce, reuse and recycle but also refuse, resist and revolt.

The three CCC's are cooperatives, collectives and communes all great ways to learn how to self-manage: organise housing, work and land on a social basis but with individual initiative built in.



CONSPIRACY JOURNALISM

The Paradise Conspiracy Ian Wishart 1995. *Howling at the Moon Productions* Box 16-233, Sandringham, Auckland, NZ/Aotearoa. ISBN 0-473-03397-6 \$29.95.

Profits of War Ari Ben-Menashe. The sensational story of the world-wide arms conspiracy. 1992. Allen & Unwin. ISBN 186373 379 5.

Illuminatus! Robert Anton Wilson & Robert Shea. Vol I: The Eye in the Pyramid. Vol II: The Golden Apple. Vol III: Leviathan.

I found Menashe's book in a K-Mart cheapo chuck-out bin. It is divided into two books: *The Dollar Machine* and *Blood Money*. Ari Ben-Menashe was the golden haired boy of Israel's MOSSAD Secret Service where he condoned the sale of arms to Iran; forged Israeli links with eastern European dictators, South American guerillas and South African supremacists; witnessed the US sale of chemicals to Iraq right up to the start of the Gulf war; participated in Robert Maxwell's (British media tycoon) empire of sleaze and corruption; tolerated the orchestration by Israel of 'Palestinian' terrorist attacks and coordinated the funnelling of illicit arms and monies through dubious Australian 'connections'. He was also involved in catching anti-nuke activists Vanunu.

VANUNU AFFAIR

Mordecai Vanunu was a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility in Israel after being drafted by the Military. He left Israel with money from the sale of his apartment and photographs of the nuclear plant. He headed for Thailand and Nepal where he converted to Buddhism. Initially he exposed what he knew to the Soviet Authorities who flew him to Moscow then back to Katmandu. He rapidly got disillusioned with State Socialism. He flew on to Australia, where he overstayed his visa, joined a church prayer group and worked as a taxi-driver. He began to speak out against the nuclear program in Israel. Rejected by the *Sydney Morning Herald* & *The Age* as dubious through Oscar Guerrero, he approached *The Mirror* in London.

The foreign editor Nicholas Davies doxed Vanunu into the Israeli authorities who set up a plan to punish the traitor. A disinformation story was pushed by *The Mirror* (that it was a con job) BUT the *Sunday Times* flew Vanunu into London where Nick Davies again did Mossad's work and found out where he was staying. A female Mossad agent tricked Vanunu into coming to Italy to stay. Upon entering her flat he was drugged and put into a crate and put on an Israeli ship as 'diplomatic cargo'. Deputy Prime Minister Shamir wanted Vanunu killed but he was jailed for 18 years for espionage & treason.

Although the story of Vanunu's kidnapping and Israel's nuclear program became a

scooting ... Bosco Boscovich is free and at large, still fighting, still passionate, still adamant his dream of a society-binding collective poetry is achievable and going to happen if only people would awake what is poetic within themselves.....



In 1995 Bosco Boscovich was sentenced to three years in prison for bombing the French Embassy in West Perth. He served 53 weeks. Eight months after his release, Boscovich remains unrepentant about the 'crime' he committed, and unresentful of his time spent in Casuarina and Wooroloo prisons.

In fact he has gained a great deal of strength from what he has gone through in the past two years. He accepts that what he did was a criminal act and that there was no alternative but for him and Catts to be sent to prison under the present legal system. Still, he believes jail was an unproductive means of punishment for the type of crime he and Catts committed.

-Going to jail merely satiated society's social conscience. I had a team of lawyers preparing me for ... prison (laughs), you know saying to me 'go and see *The Shawshank Redemption*'. It was merely expedient. The qualities that I harbour could have been utilised to the community's benefit with a much greater impact than just being locked up in a cell.

Indeed, in handing down his sentence to Mia Catts, Justice Clarke noted the unique qualities of Boscovich. He said, 'I have had access to the proceeding regarding Boscovich and although three years younger than Miss Catts, clearly exhibits strong personality traits, a fiery indignation for the good of humanity and a thirst for action. A young idealist and a young zealot to which draconian punishment is the only expedient.'



The bombing

Looking back on the night of the bombing Boscovich recalls a feeling of complete outrage. Boscovich knew the facts about the French testing; that they had detonated more than 170 nuclear weapons on and around the Pacific atolls since 1962, 40 above ground before 1972. Friends had told him stories of the kind of side-effects the testing was having on those who inhabited the atolls and islands around the test sites.

-The fish are inedible. There are kids with phocomelia where they are born without fingers, like seals with flippers. And xenophelia where children are born with their brains on the extremity of their skull - just pieces of jellied flesh really.

The French belligerence was the final straw for Bosco.

-Seeing this French official on tv saying we'll be finished with the Pacific when we're finished with it. Just sheer arrogance. I was carried beyond myself by the inspiring

force of urgent necessity. *Someone* had to do something.

-I said 'that's it, I'm doing it, I'm going'. We went and 'cased' the place. It was the place all right. There was a huge solid bronze French coat-of-arms out the front of this thing and that became the target of my aggression. So when we returned later that evening the Molotovs went either side of that through the building.

Boscovich then turned his attention to maximising the effect of what he and Catts had done.

-We're going, 'what are we going to call ourselves - the PPPLM - The Popular People's Pacific Liberation Movement. Nah, that's a bit too long. How about the PPF - the Popular Pacific Front. Yeah that's it. Short and sweet. So really it was just a ploy.

-I think I rang the *Sunday Times* at about 1 in the morning. I had prepared a little spiel in which I said the PPF is claiming responsibility for the fire bombing of the French Embassy in West Perth as an attack on the arrogance and belligerence of the French Government re: the nuclear testing in the Pacific. The security guard (there were no editorial staff on duty) dictated all this down and read it back to me and at the end of it he said 'you know, it's not my job to take messages, you're gonna have to ring back in the morning'. Hearing that I went to bed that night with an overwhelming sense of futility. I mean you endeavour to do something fairly demonstrative and it's not even picked up upon.

Given the uncertainty about the extent of damage, it appeared their plan had backfired disastrously. A couple of broken windows and some singed carpet were hardly a bold political statement. It looked more like an act of pointless vandalism.

-If it hadn't been so serious, how it unfolded would be bordering on outrageously hilarious. I can apprehend the humour of it in retrospect but it was pretty full on when it went down.



The aftermath

But of course it was picked up by the media, the building was thoroughly torched, and Boscovich became notorious, a tv terrorist, Perth's only one ever. The media portrayed him as a crazy young man who had irresponsibly destroyed the property of innocent people. His act of civil disobedience was ridiculed as a juvenile prank.

However, for many who were just as angry as he was, Boscovich was a hero; someone who had the courage to stand up and say 'no, I will not do nothing. I will not sit by quietly writing letters of discontent to the French Government's paper shredder'. It said 'we are this angry and we will find a form of expression which adequately expresses this anger, regardless of the cost to our own freedom'. As Boscovich says, if the traditional channels of protest shut down, new means must be found.

-The thing that saddens me most is that society supports this capitalist secularity over the very survival of this planet. The damage I caused pales into insignificance next to the damage caused by 175 nuclear weapons. My crime was maintaining too sensitive a social conscience.

BARRICADE BOOKS/INFO SHOP POLICY

As anarchists¹, we have selected the anarchist bookshop, BARRICADE, to spread our ideas in the community. The existence of the bookshop and our communities are only one of the tools to achieve our aim toward an anarchist society. As anarchists, we are not the instructors of the people; we are a conscious community which wants to establish an anarchist society.

OUR AIMS

- (a) We believe the workers and capitalists have nothing in common. There is irreconcilable class conflict and the only way to overcome this is through complete social revolution whereby the tools of production and distribution will be in the hands of the producers, not the capitalists.
- (b) the abolition of government and any other kind of authority which rules and imposes its will at the expense of the people. We aim to abolish any kind of dictatorship-parliamentary or military-the police, the army, the church, judicial authorities etc.
- (c) We reject the patriarchal system and fight for the empowerment and liberation of all women. We also reject compulsory heterosexuality and are seeking the liberation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.
- (d) the end of money, private property and the inheritance system.
- (e) the abolition of the prison and psychiatric system
- (f) we are against all institutionalised and hierarchical religions and all mysticisms (eg new age movement etc.) which are another form of crowd control. We view spirituality (peoples world view) as being separate from institutionalised religion.
- (g) we are against patriotism, nationalism and we are fighting for the sister/brotherhood of all people, regardless of colour, culture, gender, creed, sexual orientation. We seek the abolition of national borders and wars and the reasons that give birth to them
- (i) the abolition of state and church sanctioned relationships (marriage)
- (j) we are against racism and every kind of separation with the final aim of the unity of human beings. We are internationalists and seek free immigration, an end to passport and ID systems.
- (k) the protection of the environment, human life, animal life and any other living form, from the abuse of technology against the commodification of the earth and its resources.
- (l) the defence and recognition of the rights of all indigenous people and immigrants. We recognise the specific oppression of Aboriginal people in this country (and other indigenous people around the world) and support their struggle for self determination. We work for the creation of societies that respect cultural diversity.
- (m) the abolition of all factories, offices, farms, workshops and exploitation of child labour which are a prison for the working people, with the decentralisation of production to the communities and the development of alternative forms of energy (eg solar etc); the end of sweat shop s and piece work rackets in homes, the reduction of working hours, a priority on the health and safety of workers community and environment. ie. transformation of 'work' not just restructuring of work.
- (n) we believe in consenting and equal sexual relationships. We acknowledge and respect that children are active sexual beings but we do not accept their youthful sexuality being exploited by any adult or abusive children.
- (o) the organisation of social and economic life in accordance to the free federation of communities and productive groups, to the desires of their members. We encourage the formation of collectives, cooperatives and communes.

ROLE OF THE SHOP

The role of the shop shall be that of the public face of anarchism in Melbourne. Its purpose shall be to distribute anarchist ideas, literature and information and be a public space for other anarchist user groups. We refuse to take part in the parliamentary process and therefore refuse to be classified as part of the left or right. The shop will also endeavour to produce its own publications from time to time (eg IN YA FACE, BARRICADE NEWSLETTER and other anarchist pamphlets and booklets). We stock anarchist books, posters, pamphlets, t-shirts, music, patches, along with a wide range of related material on syndicalism, feminism etc.

The bookshop is operated by a collective of anarchists. We aim to make our policy decisions collectively, to share our responsibilities and otherwise operate according to our political principles. We are non profit in outlook and practice and all work in the shop is voluntary and unpaid. We have no funding from state, church or any other institution. Barricade Books is comprised of many cultures and we are anti racist, anti sexist and anti homophobic.

COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP/SHOP WORKERS

The bookshop collective is the ultimate decision body over how the bookshop is run. It is made up of those who work there, and in keeping with the idea of workers control, those that do the work are those that make the decisions. In keeping with ideas of decentralisation and encouraging individuals to start their own groups in their own areas, we believe the maximum number of members should be kept to 15⁴. This will enable meetings to run smoothly and allow individuals to be heard during meetings and other situations.

Basic requirements:

- (a) Agreement with the aims and objectives of the collective
 - (b) Acceptance by all existing members of the collective
 - (c) A commitment to working within collectively decided procedures
 - (d) A commitment to do a shift at least once a fortnight
 - (e) A commitment to attend the collective meeting at least once a fortnight
- Note: It is hoped that collective members will be able to do at least one regular weekly shift and attend all meetings. The suggested minimum listed are the lowest level necessary for the survival of the "collective spirit" of the bookshop.

Responsibilities of collective members:

- to keep the key secure at all times, to inform the collective if the key is lost or stolen
- to turn up for your shift, or to ring beforehand or to arrange for another collective member to do your shift if you can't do it-and to do this as soon as possible

Equal consideration for non humans, liberation for all species.

Non human animals are oppressed. Like human animals they share feelings, emotions, and have families and social groups.

Non human animals are forced into concentration camps to be beaten, exploited and murdered.

Their skins are modelled as clothing and fashion, their flesh eaten and promoted as "natural" and healthy, their lives are put on display and their natural habitat and their natural instincts are denied and destroyed.

The authority and corruption of the capitalist state casts a shadow of oppression over non humans just as they do the human animal, the profit system uses their life as a means of profit, the value of life is overlooked and the dollar put in it's place..... just another product on the shelf.

A non human animals life should be viewed as we would our own, and the struggle for human liberation be entwined with the anarchist focus of creating a free society for non human and human animals.

BOYCOTT ANIMAL SLAVERY.... BOYCOTT THE INDUSTRIES THAT DEAL IN LIFE- MEAT, DAIRY, LEATHER, VIVISECTION, FUR etc. VEGANISM NOW!!! HUMAN AND ANIMAL, WE ARE ALL EQUAL.....



WISDOM'S PREY

room to be free...

room for truth...

room for justice...

room for me...

At the end of a railroad track out among the farms
Lies a maze of old stone buildings where I came to harm.
I believe my mother loved me, I believe my father cared
But when the doctor talked they listened and sent me way out there.
He said I could not learn the things I'd need to take my part.
I looked and acted different, I'd only break their hearts.

So I grew up in this prison somebody called a School
In a room with thirty-seven beds and twelve times that many rules.
A lock on every window, locks on the doors in the halls
There were doors and padlocks everywhere except on the bathroom stalls.

Nine years old was the first time they locked me in that room.
For two long days and two long nights it was darker than a tomb.
I was thirteen when they forced the pills down into my throat
And I gave up everything I had. I even gave up hope.

Let us out, let us out, let us all go free
You have no right to hold us so let us all go free.

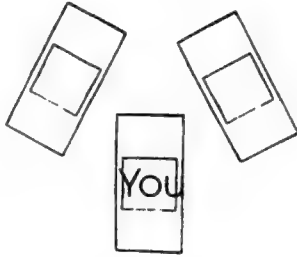
And when I grew up to manhood they strapped me to a bed
With buckles on my ankles and wires to my head.
And they beat me when I fell down, they slapped me when I stood
And they gave me a plastic penny when they said that I'd been good.
And I thanked them for their kindness. I thanked them for their time
And I thanked them for their guidance though I did not know my crime.

You may think these words are not my own...
You shake your head and jeer.
But every word is written in my head
It's you who cannot hear.
Is your world so perfect... does your world run so smooth...
Is there no room for accident... is there no room for truth...
Is there no room for justice... is there no room to be free...
Is there no room for no one but yourselves...
Is there no room for me...

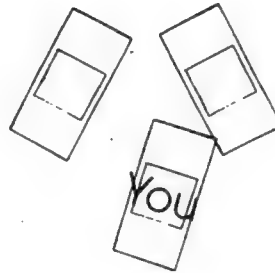
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Police Chase

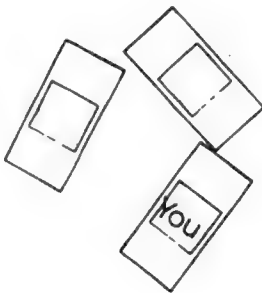
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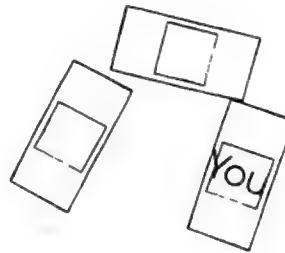
TWO POLICE CARS ARE VEERING INTO YOU.



BRAKE HEAVILY. STEER TO RIGHT.



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How fast will your car go?

Six cylinder Holdren	80mph
Six cylinder Ford	85mph
Family V8	100mph
GT Falcon	120mph
1800cc Jap car	80mph
Twin cam Jap car	100mph
Six cylinder police car	85mph
V8 Police pursuit car	120mph+
250cc Jap bike	65mph
500cc Jap bike	100mph
Kawasaki 900	120mph
Suzuki GSX 1100	130mph
Norton Commando	110mph
Norton Commando stage 3	130mph+ (if you're game)

To most of these speeds you can add 10-20mph for only short distances. But these are the most realistic speeds you can expect. Some of the older cars also have terrible brakes and steering and shouldn't be

driven at these speeds, ever. If you have the wind against you 10mph can be lost. Bikes accelerate much faster than cars but aren't as good at taking curves. The technique to use here is to encourage the police to chase you in short streets so that you are braking and accelerating all the time.

No one races on suburban streets. You can only do it on freeways and expressways where pedestrians aren't allowed. Don't go through red lights unless you can see the coast is clear. A lot of people think you have to drive really fast to escape, but most police chases are conducted at speeds of only 60-80-mph. At these speeds they can't force you to stop either as it's too dangerous for them. They'll just follow and observe where you go. In NSW (as in most other states) they are not legally permitted to set up road blocks.

Make sure your tyres and brakes are good. You can even rig up flip-up number plates if you like. When you pull a knob they just flipup on a hinge and there's no problems with registration numbers. ☐

SQUATTING & THE BARCELONA @ MOVEMENT

Letter from our correspondent, November 1996.

A disused cinema was squatted last March, two months before the New Civil Code came into force. This Law criminalises squatting, making it a Criminal offence, and not a civil offence, as it was before. It also has retrospective effect, which means that anybody who squatted before May is now already a criminal; and this is the case with *La Princesa* cinema. So last July when the first eviction order was presented, the Squatters responded with a counter-legal claim. They claimed, and still do, that the new law is unconstitutional. The judge accepted this, & so the case was frozen until the Constitutional Tribunal in Madrid decided the case. This would take about a year. However the Squatters didn't trust what the cops and the politicians had planned and so put a call out for people to be there all the time. This converted it into a huge alternative social centre open from 11am to 7 am, more or less, depending on people etc.

In August nothing happened, which was feared, as everybody is normally away on holidays. In fact this year, probably because of the present economic situation, which is pretty dire, there were more people around than normal. These three things together - the situation, more people and no doosh - meant that everybody went to the Gracia festival over the two weeks. Seeing that the *La Princesa* lot are basically from the *Ateneo de Gracia* & *L'Anti*, & these two are in adjoining streets, the festival organised by the @narchs was absolutely packed. Groups played all the time until 4.30am and was attended by up to 1,000 people, all completely out of it, but having a great time. No cops went anywhere near it, & neither did the fascists. In Sants, the people from the squat there, *L'Hamza*, held a one night festival & we all travelled down. Well attended, meeting loads new people really good.

In September back to *La Princesa* & when the expected eviction notice came through on *L'Hamza*, we all went down on the demo on the Friday evening & later held a really spectacular cabaret there. *L'Hamza* is in *Hastafrancs/Sants*, 5 minutes walk down the road from *Catcheren de Sants*, where the CNT holds its meetings and the Anti-Fascist one day event is held. Many other collectives also use the place, so its well known *L'Hamza* is a disused factory, "being left to the rats for 15 years" so the Squatters say; during 1936-'39 Revolution it made ammunitions for the militias. A working class Catalan area, once a major CNT stronghold, & the squatters are from there as well.

On the Saturday, a gay-lesbian disco was held, & on the Sunday, an "assemblea"/meeting to discuss what to do when the cops turned up the following day. When they arrived, all the neighbours turned out to defend the squatters. The cops just went away, & still haven't



returned, nearly two months later. This surprised everybody! But now, in retrospect, after what happened Monday last week, & a cops comment "This has been a big blow for the squatters"; the massive over-kill approach to the eviction of the cinema: 200 riot cops, 25 meat wagons surrounding the police, a helicopter hovering overhead for over an hour spotlighting the place in darkness of the early hours of the morning. It was more like shoot out at the O.K. corral. Groups of riot cops pelting the place with plastic bullets from shot guns from the streets & an adjacent building. A friend going to work at 7.30 am, could hear the explosions coming from near the big post office in *Via Laietana*, while he was in *Plaza Catalunya*. Massive over kill, & as was said in one major daily paper after the event, "it was surprising that it didn't end in tragedy", eg. in someone getting killed.

Now in retrospect, it seems that the cops went for what they calculated to be the central point of the Barcelona squat movement, *La Princesa*. Going for a "short, sharp, shock treatment", hoping to scare the Squatters & friends. Hence, the eviction of the other squats would be easier, according to this typical cop "reasoning".

Three weeks ago the judge dealing with the Cinema case, suddenly wrote out an eviction notice. Before he had seemed sympathetic, but now was totally hostile, rejecting the argument of "unconstitutionality" - & hence not putting in jeopardy the present new law. The Squatters had three days to get out. I found out on the second day by chance, when friends & I went to have a drink there at 1 am.

The reasons for getting the Squatters out are obvious: right in the centre, the equivalent of *Tottenham Court Road*, just down the road from the cops HQ, their *Scotland Yard*; around the corner from the *Catalan Parliament*, & the *Barcelona*

Town Hall - like the old GLC with autonomy etc. The area has been taken over by the squat @ types, with an impressive graffiti campaign, splattering the whole area, where all the workers from the abundant offices around there read and see all this stuff all the time. The tourists are also getting a good eyeful, of Anarchist & Squat symbols, with loads of slogans, such as "*El Cine Resiste*", "*Occuparemos al Barrio*", "*Contra la Especulacion, una Ocupacion*", "*Fabxes Forra*", etc. So as you can see plenty of reasons for going for "*La Princesa*"!!

Back in July, when the squatters put in their counter-court claim, to put the brake on the whole judicial process, the CNT from the Regional Committee of Barcelona did something similar. The CNT claim was twofold: 1) that "the irregular selling off of the place be investigated", & 2) that the CNT "reclaims its trade union rights

on the cinema "*La Princesa*". What all this means is, that before 1936 the building was always used as a massive meeting hall. for any kind of social dispute, where people could go to discuss things. Even today the general public in Barcelona know this & still remember its social use. After 1939, Franco & the fascist thugs in the guise of the *Falange's* "Vertical Unions" - hierarchical mechanism of social control of the workers using/abusing the name of a "trade-union" which people were forced to join, or they couldn't get work - took over "*La Princesa*". In 1986 a Minister of the Government sold it off to one property company, *Zafiro S.A.*, and this one sold it to another one, *Via Laietana 145 L*. The owner of this company is the widow of one of the major property companies in Barcelona, *Feinca Farcodell*, *Carmen Companys* married to *Salvador Forcadell*. Obviously, the selling of this building was totally illegal, hence the CNT legal claim, & physically the building forms part of a series of buildings in the same block. The

other buildings are the main central buildings for the CGT & the Commissions C.C.O.O. The CNT have always claimed that the whole of the CGT building forms part of the CNT "patrimony" (inheritance): all the buildings the CNT had before '36/39 & which legally should be returned. Apparently, in all the discussions held between the Government & the Unions "La Princesa" was never discussed. Also, in everything published about "La Princesa" the role of the CNT, past & present, has never come out in the press, despite the fact that it's indispensable to know this to understand what has happened, & why. One of the factors which has caused so much indignation for the people involved in "La Princesa" (everybody) is the fact that: The "present" owners, are *not* the owners! It's always been a social centre at the service of all the people of Barcelona. The CNT writ has reinforced this opinion: it has confirmed the (legal) fact that "La Princesa" belongs to the CNT, & therefore, is an "open space" for everybody to use, without any controlling body.

The eviction notice arrived on the Wednesday, having effect from midnight the following Sunday. Everyone mobilised, but the centre was open - an anti-Macdonald's event all day long on the Saturday, and a "marathon concert" from 12 to 12 programmed for the Sunday. The concert was held on the roof, & people were in the street, on the other side of the road, dancing, drinking and smoking. Passers by stopped to stare, & look at, & Participate in, the spectacle. People gradually moved out into the road; not much traffic Sunday evenings. Eventually we "occupied" the first two lanes, as the traffic had to wait & go into the oncoming lane to get by. There were no incidents & there was a great festive atmosphere. That is until a line of meat wagons with lights flashing & sirens howling came rushing towards us from the Port area. The cops came rushing out whacking anyone in their reach. People dispersed, in different directions, then regrouped & stood their ground. The music stopped, & the cops just hung around menacingly, being nearly surrounded by people. The window of "la Princesa" where beer was being served from - all doors being clearly kept shut - were quickly closed and the place defended. After about 10-20 minutes they left, going North up to the cop shops. But this was enough to set the tone for what was kept in store for us: brutal attacks.



The atmosphere changed to one of high tension from that moment on. We weren't certain when & how they would come. That attack changed matters. The band stuff was taken down & cleared away in vans. Opposite, suddenly windows opened and voices over loudspeakers were heard. A little later a film was projected onto the side of the cinema, which continued for the next couple of hours. The Independentistas have an office & have backed "La Princesa" since the beginning. In the streets everyone was tense, expecting another charge at any moment. Groups were spontaneously formed, & they guarded the various small side roads to the cinema, making it difficult for them to get near it. The graffiti "Aquí no se Rinde Nadie, y L'Hanza Tambien" was taken very seriously!

The danger point seemed from 12 midnight to 7 am., when there were fewer people around. After 7.30-8 am the office workers go to work in Via Laietana, and the cops didn't want any witnesses. So it had to be done before. People stayed in groups protecting the place from the street, and defensive "precautions" were being undertaken from inside and from the roof. Noise of this activity was heard from outside.

From that moment there were always a lot of people surrounding & defending the area, taking "material" from the numerous rubbish containers nearby: wood, bottles, mattresses, cardboard, & a lot of people were masked up. All people & cars going anywhere near the place were carefully scrutinised - it soon became a no-go area for cops & fascists. We controlled the area, & for the next 10 days a 24 hour round the clock guard was mounted. All Tuesday afternoon A helicopter hovered overhead. Writs were served, & by the Wednesday the tension eased a bit. Wooden seats in rows of six were lowered down to the street from the roof, so we had something to sit on. However, these were put to good use: placed in the middle of the road back to back, about a dozen or so people played musical chairs. The car drivers had to wait for us to stop playing, before getting by. But, rather than getting annoyed, they saw the funny side of what we were doing, plus the smiles on our faces, as our childhood came back to us. At least the nervous tension was broken for a while. In the next few days the rumours circulated as much as the

conflicting newspaper reports. A demo was held on the Thursday, and another one on the Saturday. Technically, illegal, no permission was sought to hold them, the cops could have attacked at any time. The demo's were lively, & made a lot more noise by the sounds of explosions of really large bangers, which were being thrown all over the place & regularly. Seemingly with "no particular place to go", the demo meandered round the heart of the City at prime time: when shops are just closing & people going for a stroll. We cut right across the major downtown thoroughfares, & people were pretty shocked, but just stood around to watch us go by, & us shouting out slogans "La Prensa Miente, no Somos Delincuentes", etc.

By the Sunday there were fewer people than normal, & the side street adjacent to the cinema, looked more like a "circus", with people sitting around on wooden rows of seats, with stalls set up selling food & drink, plus all the "material" collected

hanging about all over the place. The self same side street wall resembled Peking's "Wall of Democracy", with info of all kinds hung up to keep people informed. Lots more graffiti went up "Desaloja a las Carceles, no a las Casas", "Desalojo = Disturbios", & massive painted sheets of material hanging all over the place, "If you agree, toot your horn", etc. The major triumph was the propaganda coup taking place, covering all of downtown (much of it is still visible today), & was truly outrageous & exciting at the same time. Anybody working nearby, or going past, stopped in amazement to see it all.

It all came to an end on the Monday just after 6 am when 25 meat wagons cordoned off and surrounded the whole area. 200 riot cops & a helicopter overhead, the battle lasted for 2-3 hours. 48 arrests, 11 injured & one seriously hurt in hospital. (none of which were cops).

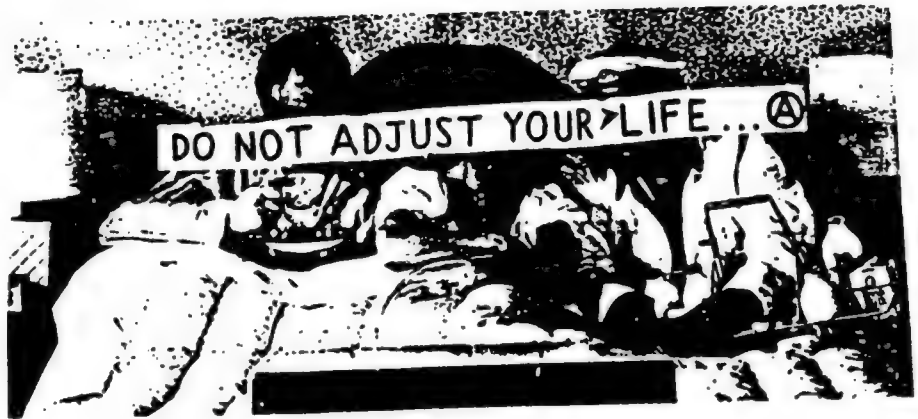
That same evening the cops got their just desserts. A demo started just after 8 pm, & not long after that a crowd of 500-700 demonstrators were outside both of the Via Laietana cop shops. For the first time in many years people from Barcelona witnessed a large crowd shouting out "The police, torture & kill people!", & who were really pissed off & angry at *everything* that had happened. As the cops didn't come out, then the demo continued on, towards "La Princesa". As half of the crowd went by the cops suddenly came out whacking anybody within reach. This split the crowd in two; but as there were local building work going on, on both sides of the main cop shop, it wasn't long before they were eating bricks from both sides. Rubber bullets (hand sized "rubber" balls which can take a finger off) were flying around all over the place. The cops were no match for the rioters & were soon forced to take shelter in the cop shop. Later they called for reinforcements coming from Rabal/Barrio Chino, but instead of going there in vans, they walked there, crossing the Ramblas & going down the narrow side streets. From 8.30 to midnight, the centre was the scene of serious rioting, with people battling it out in the side streets from the Ramblas, over to the other side of the City, Parc Cuitadella, with fires burning in all the main streets from the rubbish containers.

Perhaps a riot is a pretty normal everyday occurrence in many places, but here in Barcelona it isn't. Catalonia doesn't have ETA like the Basque region, & hence no street fighting with the cops; & neither are the cops really heavy handed with people. They've obviously got orders to show their presence, but not lay into people. This is good for tourism & creates the (false) impression that the Catalans in Catalonia are a free, hard-working people who don't suffer severe social problems. The issue of housing centres around an economic issue - paying rents = having money (earned or given). This given the



general @ propaganda done by a lot of collectives & unions over many years, plus a formidable Chiapas Collective, which is @ dominated, has helped to create a mentality that is anti-authoritarian & anti-capitalist. Being against Maastricht is also being with the EZLN against the GATT Treaty. Both sides of the same (monetarist) coin.

The hullabaloo hasn't died down & there are daily press & tv coverage of the Squatters & their ideas. Its split people into two camps, for and against, but making diversions where you wouldn't think would be made. All the dailies have been forced to show their real colours, as well as most political parties. It's impossible to put the clock back & Barcelona has risen once again to its revolutionary stance, of being right out there way in front. Everything's snowballing at the moment & the Squatters through their dynamism & imagination are calling the shots.



WE WANT A REVOLUTION NOW!

Don't think you can beat them without using force.

Don't be deceived.

When our revolution has been finally stamped out
and they tell you things are better now...

Even if there is no poverty to be seen
because the poverty has been hidden.

Even if you get some more wages and could afford
to buy more of these new & useless goods and
Even if it seemed to you that you never had so much
that is only the slogan of those
who have so much more than you.

Don't be taken in when they pat you paternally on the shoulder
and say there is no more inequality worth speaking of
and no more reason for fighting.

If you believe them they will be completely in charge
in their shining homes and granite banks
from which they rob the people of the world
on the pretence of bring them freedom

Watch out!

For as soon as it pleases them
they will send you out to protect their wealth in war
whose weapons rapidly developed by servile scientists
will become more and more deadly
until they can
with a flick of the finger
tear a million of you to pieces.

Marat-Sade

DEFENSE FUNDS NEEDED FOR ACCUSED IN POLICE RAID OF JULY 18TH

Donations are desperately needed for the release of seven people arrested during the police raid of the Bomb Shelter. Of the thirteen people arrested last Friday, seven of which are still being held to this date. The bails are extremely high- exceeding \$75,000. Ten percent cash bonds will be accepted, this being approximately \$7500. These people have been in jail for five days now, so we desperately urge everyone to to make a contribution.

On the night of July 18, at 2951 Bloomington Ave., a concert took place, organized for touring bands from Portland, OR and Dallas, TX. The concert was nearing its conclusion when Minneapolis police officers arrived on the scene at approximately 11:30 pm, and violently brought the concert to an end. The arrival of the police was due to a number of people loitering outside the show, a small few showing boisterous behavior. At the time of the initial arrival of the police, the concert organizers were in the process of getting everyone back inside the space, as to maintain calm in the neighborhood.

Disregarding pleas from the concert organizers to not escalate the situation, as many as 10 officers stormed downstairs into the basement space where the concert was taking place. The last band of the evening was just completing their second song and was unaware of the situation that was beginning to take place. The concert space is small and was crowded with people when the officers entered and shut the door behind them. The logical conclusion to the night would have been to let the crowd disperse peacefully, but this was not possible due to the aggressive nature of the police this evening. Upon entering the basement, the police officers immediately began spraying mace and beating people in the crowd at random with truncheons, flashlights and collapsible batons.

Further aggravating the chaos was the fact that the only exits were blocked by officers who also began randomly attacking concert goers with mace, batons and maglights as they attempted to leave. The police attacked completely without provocation, not because the "partygoers began throwing rocks and bottles" as was reported by the Star Tribune. Police responded by calling for even more backup, until wave after wave of police arrived, with more than 40 units present, equipped with riot control gear.

The mayhem in the basement was further escalated by additional police charging down with their guns drawn and threatening people at random. Other officers on the street outside immediately started beating people with their batons and macing people as they struggled to get away from the scene as fast as possible. Officers were venting their anger on people who couldn't move fast enough—because they were either blind from being maced, dizzy from being hit, or trying not to get hit by cars driving through the intersection that people were being herded into.

At this time, a number of people who couldn't escape the police violence fast enough were violently arrested and are still in jail, yet to be officially charged with anything. Dozens more people were beaten but managed to get away from the police who began sweeping the neighborhood, looking for individuals who looked "punk rock."

A few evenings earlier, there had been another show at the same location that the police wanted to end. They simply told everyone to leave and gave organizers time to let everyone get out of the area. This happened immediately, very smoothly, and without incident. At the concert on Friday night, if the police had stayed calm, stayed back, stayed out of basement and let everyone just go home peacefully, then this extremely violent and unfortunate event would never have happened. The blame for the "riot" was not due to the behavior of the "punk rock" concert goers, but by the malicious and violent attitude of the police. One officer was overheard telling his buddy, "We've been waiting to get this chance for a long time."

The events of July 18 were completely unprovoked and were blown out of proportion by the heavy handedness of the Minneapolis Police Department. This summer alone has seen increased numbers of arrests for such petty acts as jaywalking and pan handling. We feel this to be just the latest incident in an increasingly violent campaign to criminalize the Twin Cities punk rock community. We feel it necessary to give our point of view on the situation instead of the one-sided nature of media reports thus far—this press release being the result.

For more information, contact Dan, Mandy, or Jon at (612) 813-1216

Donations will be accepted at Extreme Noise Records, or can be sent to:

Police Riot Defense Fund c/o Profane Existence/ P.O. Box 8722/ Minneapolis, MN 55408

CS Gas and the Use of Force

In October 1994, the British TV news bulletins ran items on a new repressive weapon that the police were testing. The new weapon was called Pepper Spray (or Capsicum Spray). The news items showed a volunteer being sprayed, debilitated and then describing his pain and discomfort.

On October 8th 1994, there was a march and demonstration against the then Criminal Justice Bill (now enacted), which finished at Hyde Park. To start with the demo was peaceful, good humoured, boring. There was a bit of heckling of some of the speakers (eg the leader of the probation officers union) and a few minor scuffles resulting from this, but nothing notable. Towards late afternoon, a sound-system, with dancers in tow, attempted to enter the park, but was resisted by the police. People pushed through the police lines and danced on top of police vans. The police reacted angrily and the situation escalated, after a few minutes there was an attempt by several people to turn over one of the vans. There were no police exactly at that point, just the crowd of dancers/demonstrators.

Chemical Attack

The van was starting to move when there was a chemical attack against the crowd. The writers of this leaflet were there and were affected by it. Everyone immediately ran away from the van and towards the park. We are not sure, but we believe that the agent used was the then-under-testing pepper spray, used by the police. Some of the media said it was CS gas, used by the police. The police said it was CS gas used by the demonstrators. We don't know; but the gas certainly served the immediate interests of the filth. (On the other hand, it also pissed people off and may have helped the confrontational mood which resulted in the best riot in the UK since Trafalgar Square 1990.)

New Toys

There has been some media interest over the experimental pepper spray. After it was introduced into California, it resulted in 14 deaths in its first year of use. The upshot of this mild disquiet is that the police are not going to use pepper spray. The Met are introducing CS gas instead: Police will carry canisters as part of their normal kit, and will use them "mainly for self-defence". Are we supposed to be pleased about this "concession"?

The Useful Bit

CS gas may or may not be less dangerous than pepper spray. This is what we know about it that might be useful.

- CS gas can be fatal to asthmatics. If you suffer from asthma, make sure you carry your inhalers with you on demo's. Even if you don't end up needing them yourself, you might be able to help someone else who has an attack.
- The standard advice to anyone who is gassed is (unfortunately) run away. You need to get to fresh air as soon as possible. Once in the clear, if need be, stand facing the wind with eyes open to clear them of gas. Then return to the conflict, maybe at a different point.
- Wash your face in plenty of cold water if you are in discomfort.
- Once home, take a cold bath. Warm or hot water opens the skin pores, allowing remaining CS gas residue to enter and will make irritation worse; cold water closes the pores.
- Consider taking counter measures. There are some cycle masks that have activated charcoal filters. These should help minimise damage to the airways. Or you could go the whole hog and take a gas mask. But these are heavy, sweaty and conspicuous. Discuss this option with your mates, see whether they think its a worthwhile thing to do.

Force

Our enemies keep their military and police armed to the teeth. We can't hope to beat them on their own terrain. That is we can't hope to ultimately defeat them in open battle. Our only possible strategy is subversion so generalised, but coherent, that it is everywhere. We can use this strategy to inform our low level tactics as well. If the filth use chemical agents against us, certainly we should just fight right back if possible. But we will probably be forced to retreat. If the police temporarily beat us at the exact point of conflict we should move the point of conflict to places more friendly to us. One weird thing that happens in riots is that the conflict tends to settle down to a battle between the rioters and the pigs in riot gear. Pigs in ordinary uniform often are able to wander about with impunity. If we are unable to attack the most tooled up pigs, then we will turn our attention to those that don't happen to be on riot duty that day. Other possible targets are the old favourites of commercial property, posh cars and of course journos. Journalists are coming under attack more and more often; several were attacked at the Hyde Park riot. This sort of thing will increase.

Final word is despite the use of gas against us, despite the armoured vans, the mounted police, we won the Hyde Park battle, we held our ground, we several times chased the riders out of the Park, we strengthened our community of resistance.



ANARCHISM: Crisis, Revisionism or Ignorance?

Nowadays it's very commonly thought that everyone, without exception, understands perfectly *what* is Anarchism, and just a importantly, knows *all about* the different and varied forms of organising it. That's to say, that the *principles* are known, and the way of putting these into practice in a consistently and organised way are also known. But, is this true? Is it true that *everyone* knows what Anarchism is, and, how to apply it? And, by "everyone" here, do we mean people outside the Anarchist movement, or those inside it who are activists? Do people outside the movement know what it is? Do those who are activists know what it is? And what's more do these very same people, either inside or outside the movement, know the different, and very varied forms of organisation, which are available, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each way of organising it? If each person individually asks themselves these questions, and answers them truthfully then we can reach the conclusion, collectively, that people do not know *what* it is, or *how* to apply it!

These questions enable us to reach the conclusion that "in the Kingdom of the Blind ignorance reigns". If people are blind to these questions then this easily explains why there is so much confusion, and consequently, also explains why conflicts exist inside and outside the movement. This is ignorance. If, however, there are people who have some idea about it, but turn a blind eye to the fact of such confusion then this can only be because they have an interest to represent - and to hide. Such people defend their own very partial opinions as if they were the only possible ones, because they wish to convince others to join them, and to create an Anarchist movement around one particular base. This is deception. Such people are either deceiving themselves, or, are wilfully deceiving others.

If we wish to clarify the confusion that reigns, with the intention of making it clearer, so that everybody, inside or outside the movement, can reach their own personal conclusions, then we can do this best by looking at concrete examples from the past international Anarchist movement. By stepping outside our own situation we can see the wood for the trees. That is, not to let our own personal experiences deceive us. However, this is important for two other reasons. Firstly, that Anarchism is an international movement. Like Socialism and Fascism, it is an international movement or it is nothing! Secondly, by looking at examples internationally and historically, we can know with exactitude what are the principles, and *how* and *why* they came to be accepted as such. To those who reject, or deny the international aspect of Anarchism, it is clear that they *cannot be* Anarchists. Likewise, those who reject the past of Anarchism, and deny that it is a tradition, and that it is still the same tradition as before, then we must ask ourselves two questions: "What are their theoretical

reasons for saying that?" And: "What are their motives and aims?" That is if someone asserts that "Anarchism has changed" or, that "Now is the time to make some changes" to the principles of the way of organising, then we end up in the situation already mentioned of personal interests.

In this case, however, of trying to change principles and forms of organisation, and making a break with the past (tradition), this is an issue which is much more serious than a sectional interest claim to look for adherents. Here it is not sectional interest, but theoretical dominance (hegemony). This occurred in the Socialist and Marxist tradition in the '50s and '60s with the claim of the American sociologist D. Bell that capitalism had undergone specific structural changes and, therefore, was no longer capitalist in the sense defined by Marx in *Das Kapital*. Marx's definition has always been accepted as valid both inside the general Socialist and Anarchist traditions (1) and the consequence of Bell's idea was to put an end to the anti-capitalist movement (formed by Marxists, Socialists and Anarchists).

The reply to this attack did not take long in coming (2). The debates took place between intellectuals and academics, and not inside workers organisations. This last fact is of great importance. This was debated by academics because the Marxist theoreticians, were not workers. They did not participate in working class struggles, on the picket lines, as yet one other person amongst many. They lived, and still live, inside a bourgeois University academic culture, and enjoy a salary above what normal people earn, as well as having social rights which neither workers nor many students have either.

This separation between theoreticians and practitioners (activists) has never existed in Anarchism. (3) Firstly, because Bakunin's claim that intellectuals would constitute a new class, and become the new rulers has always been taken seriously by Anarchists. (4) Secondly, because Anarchism (and Anarchists) have never accepted the Cartesian separation between mind and body, and consequently, did not accept the distinction between intelligence and physical work. Anarchists have always asserted that intelligence is not found in *one* place, a university, but it is found in all places. Where there are people there is intelligence. That is not to say that all people are intelligent, but, only that intelligence is not confined to *one* social place, but to all places. The consequences of this is best seen in the history of Anarchist education, such as Ferrer, the Rationalist Schools in Spain, and the Ferrer movement Schools in America, where the whole theory and practice was unified, and is based on completely different assumptions about "what is a person" (human nature), And "how to learn" (the methods), and "when to learn" (from 5-18), and that education is a "life-long process", and cannot be limited to a few years. (5)

This fundamentally different political principle between Anarchists and Marxists, over the role of theoreticians, leads to a difference in practice. All Anarchists debate Anarchism, whereas only some Marxists debate Marxism. Hence, for us as Anarchists we have to "suffer" constant debate and to argue. This for us creates "confusion". But what is happening, in practice, is that we are determining, marking out, separating Anarchist ideas, to see the connections between them, including the contradictions. (6)

To read any past record of the development of Anarchist ideas in one country is to recognise immediately this process. (7)

To conclude this section, we should point out that any attempt to change accepted principles, is akin to "Revisionism". This occurs frequently in Marxism, with innumerable splits, and the consequent setting up of a political Party based on the "new" principles. (8) However, the same occurs inside fascist movements; but, here, there is a difference which hasn't existed to the same extent as with Marxists. For fascists, "Revisionism", equals the rewriting of history, denying that important events existed, eg. crematorium ovens, or that certain facts took place (massacres, and full scale extermination) (9) Plus, behind this Revisionism lies the attempt to give a new justification to contemporary fascism, by denying its own history, tradition and methods, so as to continue using them. This war of propaganda, of Marxist revisionism and purges, and of fascist lies, should make us wary of any such claims for radical changes in our own movement. Especially, if they are undertaken by a special interest group for its own purposes: this smacks of *control* and *not* of principles.

JAPANESE ANARCHISM

Japan had a "closed door" policy for the 250 years before they were forced to be opened in 1868. It refused to allow any outside influences to enter, which means it refused to allow any "westerners" (Americans, Europeans, etc.) to live let alone work in Japan. This is because the Japanese neither wanted Christianity to be introduced into their country - they were Buddhists and followers of Confucius - nor western technology, (weapons, machinery) either. Despite some exceptions, this policy was maintained until there was a revolution in 1868 by the samurai, who then completely changed the face of Japanese history, and whose consequences are still felt today. (10)

Anarchism was introduced into Japan at the beginning of this century (circa 1905), and, principally, by one person, Kotoku Shusui. (11) Japan at that time was absorbing ideas from Europe, Russia and America, relating to Marxism, Socialism and Christianity. Kotoku became a journalist in 1893, and in 1898 was a popular columnist on the most radical daily the *Yoruzu Choho* (*Every Morning News*). He changed from being a liberal to a social democrat and attempted to organise the

Shakia Minshuto (Social Democratic Party) in Tokyo. At that time "Social Democracy" meant Mandism, and the Mandism of Kautsky and Bernstein, from the German SDP (German Socialist Party) This particular brand of Mandism which was dominant in Germany, Austria and Russia at that time was based on the interpretation of "Mandism as "evolutionism" and was called "Revisionism" because it revised the principles of Mandism. (12) Leninism was not prominent at that time, and was an antidote to the revisionists. Leninism only became important after 1917, and more so with the founding of the Third International in Moscow in 1921. (13)

Due to the increase in hostile attitudes towards the Tsar and Russia, creating a pro-war atmosphere, Kotoku and another journalist from the same paper, Sakai Toshihiko, decided to found their own paper, the *Heimin Shimbun (Common People's Newspaper)* in November 1903. This newspaper had no political viewpoint. It was based on opposition to the war about to break out between Russia and Japan. Throughout its existence the editors and journalists were constantly prosecuted, fined, and imprisoned for infringing the harsh press laws. In 1904 the November issue was banned completely because it translated and published Marx & Engel's *The Communist Manifesto* and Kotoku and Sakai were heavily fined. The paper was forced to close in January 1905, and in February 1905 Kotoku started a five month jail sentence for "offending public morality" for having published the Communist Manifesto.

Whilst in prison Kotoku had read Kropotkin's *Fields, Factories and Workshops* sent to him by the American Anarchist Albert Johnson. Johnson had previously corresponded with Kotoku, and sent him the address, and a picture of Kropotkin. Although Kotoku had been hostile to Anarchism, calling it a "virus", it is clear that when he left Sugamo prison he was a convinced Anarchist. (14) He decided to visit America, to escape from the severe repression of the emperor system, to be able to talk more freely to other activists about Anarchist ideas, to rest after contracting tuberculosis in prison, and to improve his English. He left Yokohama on November 14, 1905, taking Kropotkin's *Memoirs of a Revolutionary*, and arrived in San Francisco, on 5th December 1905.

During the next six months he spoke endlessly to socialists of all types, and participated in meetings. He corresponded with Kropotkin, spoke to Johnson daily, spoke at an IWW (syndicalist) meeting, and helped to bring together the Japanese in California into one organisation. This organisation, and California, would serve as a refuge and base for exiled Japanese revolutionaries, the same as Zurich and Switzerland was for Russian and European revolutionaries in Europe. It was called the "Shakai Kukumeito (Social Revolution Party)".

At that time American socialism was in a state of flux. There was the "Socialist Party of America", the smaller but more radical "Socialist Labour Party", the newly formed IWW, and many Anarchist groups headed



by eminent international revolutionaries, such as Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman (both Russian). Kotoku acquired a copy of Kropotkin's *The Conquest of Bread*, in English, which he later translated, published clandestinely and distributed in March, 1909. This book is considered to be the basis of Anarcho-Communism.

Likewise, he obtained a small 32 page pamphlet written by the German Anarchist Arnold Rotler, whose publication coincided with the founding congress of the Industrial Workers of the World in June 1905. It was called "The Social general Strike" and is the basis of Syndicalism. Koyoku valued it so highly that he translated and distributed it clandestinely in Japan in 1907. (15) One other influence on Kotoku, and on Japanese Anarchism, was that of terrorism. On 1st June 1906, 50 out of the 70,000 Japanese resident on the West Coast of America around the San Francisco Bay area formed the "Shakai Kukumeito" (Social Revolution Party). The name is taken from the Russian "Social Revolutionary party", which believe in a government, but based on the peasantry, and which widely used "terrorism", assassination of State officials and bank raids as a tactic. Thus, for those Japanese who were looking at the peasant basis of their society at the time, this seemed to be a reasonable solution to their problems. In December 1906 "Kakumei (Revolution)" was first published in California, and was consistently Anarchist, and accepted the tactic of terrorism.

From all of this we can draw the following conclusions. Firstly, that the socialist movement is divided into two parts: authoritarian - parties, reformist social democratic, eg the British Labour Party, German SDP prior to 1918, radical Mandist, such as the Communist Party (Bolshevik, German, etc.), or ultra right parties such as the Nazi NSDAP, Falange, or Mussolini's change from the Socialist Party to forming the Fasci di Combattimento. (16) And, anti-

authoritarian - syndicalist, or small Anarchist group federation. Secondly, that the basis of an Anarchism which is anti-capitalist can only be, Anarcho-Communist. Thirdly, that syndicalism is a strategy - strikes, general strikes leading to a revolution; and an organisation - a method for organising Anarchists and non-anarchists together into the same organisation. Fourthly, that terrorism, or violent attacks against forms of present injustice, is a tactic of Anarchism, but not unique to it.

If we now want to clarify the differences between Anarchist principles, strategies, tactics and organisations, then the case of the European movements useful.

Anarchism vs Marxism

The idea and principle of "the emancipation of the working class is the task of the workers themselves" was the basis for the International. Both Marx and Bakunin are socialist and therefore anti-capitalist. Both want the elimination of economic and social exploitation. As the capitalist method of exploitation is to use money to exploit people, then if money is abolished, then so is capitalism. Without money capitalism cannot exist. There was, and is, no doubt about this! In their writings they say this - and these are valuable to read.

As a result of the expulsion of Bakunin and the sections which accepted his views from the 1st International, the socialist movement was, and has been, divided into two parts: Marx-Marxism, or authoritarian socialism; and, Bakunin-Anarchism which is anti-authoritarian socialism. The differences which divide Anarchists from Marxists are neither over the analysis of the workings of capitalism, nor its abolition. The differences are: 1) how to do this - organise its destruction; and 2) what to do after its abolition - how to organise a non-capitalist society. This last point is the debate about "the withering away of the State". Hence, all this debate is over organisation, before and

after the revolution, and not about principles. There are no differences between Marxists and Anarchists over principles, or the organisation, to bring it in line to bring it in line with present conditions, so as to be "more progressive", more up to date etc., then these people are breaking with the past and with all those who created this present movement. For Anarchism this can only lead in one direction: towards authority and totalitarianism. If the organisation is changed, then this is already a de facto change in principles; and if it's the principles, then naturally, the organisation will be changed as well. All of which means that these changes only serve to send Anarchism towards Authority, and to destroy it totally.

The expelled Bakuninist sections, regrouped to organise a uniquely Anarchist international organisation. At that time "Anarchism" was used in a pejorative way to attack Bakunin and Bakuninists. Gradually, the term was defined, but this took a long time and was even difficult for some Bakuninist sections to accept the term, as it had a bad ring to it. Bakuninism, at that time, was also called *Collectivism*. However, when this concept was put into practice, especially in Spain, it soon became evident that it was inadequate. That is, social products and wealth are distributed to those who work - those who don't work, get nothing. Obviously, this concept excludes the parasites, but also excludes a lot of other people as well: the young, the old, the sick unemployed, and does not confront the problem of domestic versus capitalist production (an essential issue in feminism). Whereas "Anarchism" was gradually refined and accepted "collectivism" was heavily criticised, by figures such as Kropotkin, Reclus, Malatesta and Cafiero, and was rejected in favour of the term Communist. The result was: Anarcho-Communism. This is the basis of the Anarchist movement or at least that part of it (the major part) which is anti-capitalist/socialist. The change in emphasis is between "work" and "needs". The needs of everyone have to be met, and not just those for the people who work. If not then we fall back into the trap of the "collectivists" again. Money is to be abolished immediately, and any system using a voucher system has to be rejected, as this is "money" under a different name. Kropotkin was to later expound on this in his book *The Conquest of Bread*, which

Kotoku accepted and translated as we have seen. The Anarchists of the 1870's foresaw that the satisfaction of needs, and not wants, is the basis of a just society; and also foresaw the debate of the 1960's and 1970's, over the Young and Old Marx, which is about "needs". They have never received recognition for this fact. The Marxists squabbled over power and created authoritarian organisations, which later voted for the "war credits" and by doing so gave support to the Imperialist War of 1914-1919, and couldn't stop the fascists in Germany in the 1930's. By contrast the Anarchists analysed the principles so as to have a sound basis for action, and practice. It's no surprise that the Marxist academics/intellectuals of the 1960's and since have not given credit to the Anarchists for this. It puts to shame the whole Marxist movement.

Having established the terms/concepts to define their principles, the Anarchists then placed all their attention on how to put these into practice - to organise Anarchists. This was not easy! There were different opinions about how to organise it, and these reflected the differences in temperament and the different organisations which existed at that time. That is, the Italians wanted to start the revolution straight away, using insurrection as a method, taking control of villages, burning all legal and state documents, destroying state and capitalist institutions and fermenting revolutionary control of the village and its land by the inhabitants. Having taken control of one village, the revolutionaries would then move onto the next one to do the same. This would convert an insurrection into a revolution. There were several attempts at doing this by the Italians, and so their organisation was the small group, which by force of arms would liberate villages, releasing revolutionary impulses. Insurrection was not just a tactic, but was being advocated as a *strategy*. To go from "the idea" to "the deed". This approach was called "Propaganda by the Deed" but nowadays it is thought that this term means atentados or, individual acts against monarchs, presidents, police officials etc. This interpretation is mistaken, and is based on events in the years 1890's to 1910, when many atentados were carried out as reprisals against different states in America, Europe, Russia and Japan. However it is clear that an atentado is not an insurrection, and *not* a revolution either.

The Spanish also wanted to start the revolution immediately, but used trade unions as the form of organisation. Thus, the union played the part of organiser, instead of the Italian's small group idea. But both coincided in the use of insurrection as a strategy, extending it to a revolution. However, Kropotkin after visiting England and talking to trade unionists there, thought that unions could only be reformist. A little later he changed his mind completely as a result of the Patterson Strike where the strikers showed the will to go beyond reformism (the defence of their interests/jobs) to revolution and put an end to capitalism. They also produced novel and imaginative tactics, all of which impressed Kropotkin, and forced him to change his mind about unions.

If the Anarchists, or at least some of them, looked to the unions as the *means* of organising the revolution, then so did the reformists as well. The reformists in the Congresses of the trade-unionists often adopted as their means the use of strikes as a *tactic*, but voting in parliamentary elections as a *strategy*. The strikes for the reformists are always "non-violent" or "non-confrontational". That's to say, that acts of sabotage, or attacks against the bourgeoisie, their property (homes, cars, factories), or against the forces of repression, such as police stations, prisons and the military, are never carried out. Demonstrations are limited to walking through the streets making some noise but nothing else.

The purpose of the strike tactic for the reformists, is that a handful of workers negotiate with the bosses. When an agreement is reached between the two the striking workers go back to work to be exploited again. Obviously, this process could go on indefinitely, from crisis to crisis, and strike to strike. Doing this does not put an end to the process (capitalism), it just prolongs it. The reformists foresaw this and, consequently, proposed that the workers should choose people to go to Parliament, a majority, then they will propose laws, pass them, and order the state to implement them. Hence, a "violent" revolution, of physical confrontations, won't be necessary. It's only necessary to vote every 4 or 5 years and gradually the capitalist state will be changed, until it finally disappears.

The Anarchists of all persuasions hated this view right from the start. They pointed out that when a small group of workers negotiate with the bosses, this divides the workers immediately, and breaks the major weapon of the exploited and oppressed: solidarity and mutual aid.

Also such a small group is open to all kinds of pressure, from threats on their lives and families lives, to bribery and corruption. Hence, to avoid all of this the Anarchists proposed taking direct control of the factories and running them *without* bosses. Factory managers and technical staff could stay on working, but with the change of status: they become a worker just like anyone else. Money is abolished, so there can't be problems about/over pay differentials. All needs are to be met (physical, emotional, psychological and social) according to conditions (local and larger scale). Decisions are made in open assemblies of all people, and delegates from these are then sent to other assemblies, thus creating a federation. This *point* is essential for all Anarchists of any persuasion. A federation of small scale Anarchist affinity groups works exactly the same as a Federation of Syndicates, that is a union. The internal structure is identical in both cases, and this is because logically, for it to be Anarchist, it must be organised along Anarchist lines: full participation of all members in assemblies, delegates, and federations of assemblies. The differences between these two are about tactics and strategies, but not one of purpose (the destruction of authority and exploitation), and nor is it about *organisation*. They are both organised the same, but *who* they



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organise, and what they do are completely different. Later on, we will see these differences more clearly when we look at concrete historical examples.

If the Anarchists hated the reformist notion of "non-violent" strikes, then their concept of the "road to parliament", via elections, candidates and political parties outraged them. They pointed out, that if corruption and intimidation can happen on a small scale, between workers and bosses, imagine what it would be like on a larger scale, such as national elections, with millions of lives and millions of dollars, pounds, yen and pesetas, etc at stake. Total corruption!

The Anarchists have made an important contribution to political philosophy and sociological theory when they pointed out that, "power corrupts". That is that when someone, anyone, comes in contact with power there is always the possibility that this person will be corrupted, either by the use of power, "drunk with power", a tyrant, despot or dictator, or by money, "presents", sex or drugs. Hence, we can see that the Anarchist perspective is based on an acute sense of reality, and not as its critics say, is "idealistic" or "utopian". And this is because of what we have said earlier: Anarchists do not separate theory and practice, means and ends, and never between theorists and activists. To do so would be to create an elite, just like the Marxists propose, and create a new class of leaders, who would become authoritarian (dictators), and be corrupted by power. Anarchists are not interested in substituting one set of leaders for another, or listening to promises about future changes, but to effectuate change themselves, in conjunction with others, via direct action, with the aim of destroying all forms of injustice (racial, sexual, social, physical, economical, etc) once and for all.

To conclude this section, we can note the following: 1) the main stream Anarchist movement is anti-capitalist; 2) the name for these principles are Anarcho-Communist; 3) the socialist/communist movement is divided into two parts, authoritarian and Anarchist; the authoritarian part is divided into two parts, Marxist and social democratic/Labour Party; 5) the differences between the Authoritarian Socialists and the Anarchists, are over tactics, strategies and organisations, but not over final aims. About this last point we should point out that *in principle* there's no difference. However, in practice, the Anarchists accuse all the authoritarians of being, or trying to be, the new leaders and of being corrupt. They are integrated into the system (social democrats) or want to become the new leaders, of a state-capitalist economy (Marxists); 6) that amongst Anarchists there are different kinds of organisations: the affinity-group, or the syndicate; 7) there is no difference of *how* they're organised, but there is a difference of *why* and *who* is organised: workers in syndicates, or small groups formed for all kinds of purposes. As to why they are organised in this way, we will see more clearly in the next section.

1) See, A. Giddens, the *Class Structure of the Advanced Societies*, Chapter 14, for a discussion of "post-modern society", Bell and other authors, such as A. Touraine, J. Habermas, C. Offe, Marcuse, Talbot Parsons, E. Durkheim, Marx and M. Weber.

2) See G. Lichtheim, *A Short History of Socialism*; E. Wilson, *To The Finland Station* (part II, p73-333; S. Dolgoff, *Bakunin on Anarchy*; A. Lehning (ed) *Michael Bakunin: Selected Writings*, "introduction", p.9-31; A. Kelley, *Michael Bakunin: A Study in the Psychology and Politics of Utopianism*; E.H. Carr *Michael Bakunin*, Book V, Bakunin & Marx, p.341-457; P. Avrich, *the Russian Anarchists*, p.20-26, Tomas Cano Ruiz, *Miguel Bakunin (su vida, su obra, su epoca)*, "Bakunin y Marx", p.83-93.

3) See, S. Avineri, *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*; D. McLellan, *Marx before Marxism*; R. Tucker, *Philosophy and Myth in Karl Marx*; J. Maguire, *Marx's Paris Writings: An Analysis*; and, B. Ollman, *Alienation: Marx's Conception of Man in Capitalist Society*. Although all these books deal with the issue of "the Young versus the Old Marx", they can be taken as defending Marx, and therefore Marxism, against the attacks by Bell and Touraine about Marx's analysis of capitalist society as class conflict. During this period 1961-1979 there was a spectacular quantity of books and articles about Marx, Engels, Marxism and Marxian sociology published in America, Europe and elsewhere. These books range from Althusser ("structural Marxist-Leninist") to Gramsci (non-Leninist defender of the Communist Party, as being necessary to the proletariat), to Giddens And the Frankfurt School of Walter Benjamin etc. The list of this literature is enormous!

4) Bakunin, was the first person to make the distinction between theoreticians-intellectuals as being a "new class, or caste" and who would act against the interests of the working class. This was one of his major critiques of Marx, and Marxism, and a major contribution to political theory. The Anarchist critique of the Marxist party as vanguard party and elite, against Lenin, Trotsky, Gramsci, Althusser, and even Marx and Engels themselves, comes from Bakunin, and still exists in the Anarchist movement, and takes the form of "anti-intellectualism". On this see the books about Bakunin in note 2) above. In the Russian Anarchist movement one of the major currents was anti-intellectualism, for this see P. Avrich, *op.cit.* chapter 4, p 91-119. This important idea of Bakunin's was developed further by the Polish Marxist Jan Wladaw Machajski who after studying in depth the history of socialism, came to the conclusion that "...the Social Democrats did not really champion the cause of the manual workers, but that of the new class of 'mental workers' engendered by the rise of industrialism. Marxism, he maintained in his major work, *umstvennyi rabochii* (The Mental Worker), reflected the interests of this new class, which hoped to ride to power on the shoulders of the manual workers. In a so-called socialist society, he declared, private capitalists would merely be replaced

by a new aristocracy of administrators, technical experts, and politicians; the manual labourers would be enslaved by a ruling minority whose 'capital' so to speak was education. "...radical intelligentsia aimed not at the achievement of a classless society, but merely to establish itself as a privileged stratum... With the further development of capitalism and its increasingly sophisticated technology, the 'mental workers' would grow strong enough to establish their own rule. Even if the new technocracy were then to abolish private ownership of the means of production, ...the 'professional intelligentsia' would still maintain its position of mastery by taking over the *management* of production: and by establishing a monopoly over the specialised knowledge needed to operate a complex industrial economy. The managers, engineers, and political office holders would use their Marxist ideology as a new religious opiate to behold the minds of the labouring masses, perpetuating their ignorance and servitude. (P. Avrich, *op.cit.*) This idea explains the catastrophic and disastrous role of the Communist party, as supreme ruler, and controlling the economy of countries from the Soviet Bloc to Cuba, China and Vietnam. The acceptance by Lenin of "technical experts" to manage the early Soviet-Bolshevik controlled economy, and deliberately allowing them to become a "new class of technical rulers" has never been doubted.

For a contemporary account of this by an eye witness, ex-Anarchist turned Bolshevik, and later Trotsky supporter, see V. Serge, *Memoirs of a Revolutionary, 1901-1941*, chapter 4, "Danger from Within 1920-1921", p.115-156. It should be noted that any opposition to this running of the economy by the Bolsheviks (and any Marxists), even if only verbal, was met with a cruel repression. The Kronstadt Sailors Mutiny of 1921 against the Bolsheviks and in support of the striking Petrograd (ex-St Petersburg) workers, who were being shot by the Cheka (later NKVD & KGB), the secret police, was cruelly repressed. 13,00 sailors were shot or sent to concentration camps. These sailors were the most revolutionary of all, in all of Russia, and supported the revolution from its inception. Lenin called them "the spark of the revolution", used them during the "July Days" of 1917, making an abortive coup d'etat against the liberal Karsensky government (Constituent Assembly), saying that "The Guard is Tired". In 1921, however, Trotsky declared "we will shoot them down like partridges", but, in 1938 in exile in Mexico he played down his part in the massacre, which lead to the Anarchist Emma Goldman to write a vehement reply. On this see, P. Avrich, *Kronstadt 1921*, his *the Anarchists in the Russian Revolution*, plus, *Anarchist Portraits*, chapter 6, "Stormy Petrel: Anatoli Zhelezniakov". I. Gettier, *Kronstadt 1918-1921*. Voline, *The Unknown Revolution*. Book III, Part I: Kronstadt (1921). A Berkman, *the Russian Tragedy*, a compilation of three essays, "The Russian Tragedy", "The Russian Revolution & the Communist party" and "The Kronstadt Rebellion". Berkman and Goldman were eyewitnesses to this, being in Petrograd at

the time, after being deported from America to Russia on 21st December 1919 along with 247 other political deportees. The ship the *Buford* was an old wreck and nearly sank in high seas on the Atlantic during the crossing. For more information on this, see A. Wexler *Emma Goldman An Intimate Life*, chapter 16; and R. Drinnon *Rebel in Paradise: A Biography of Emma Goldman*, parts V & VI p.175-311. See also, A.Skirda, *Kronstadt 1921: proletariat contre bolchevisme*, and F. Kool and E.

Oberlander, *Documentos de la Revolucion Mundial: el Kronstadt*. A. Ciliga, *the Kronstadt Revolt*, I Mett, *The Kronstadt Uprising*, with an introduction by Murray Bookchin. For the dash of views between Trotsky, Serge, who was a leader of the IV International at the time, but rejected Trotsky's version of events, and D. MacDonald, an SWP member in 1939-1940, see B. Mutnick (ed), *Kronstadt by V.I. Lenin & Leon Trotsky*. This anthology published by American Trotskyists is interesting, because it deliberately excludes E. Goldman's important article refuting totally all of Trotsky's claims, which was published in part in July 1938 in an American Anarchist journal *Vanguard*. The full article was later published by the Anarchist Communist Federation, in Glasgow, in 1938, whilst Trotsky was still continuing the debates with Serge, and publishing articles about Kronstadt.

See E. Goldman *Trotsky Protests Too Much*, Glasgow 1938, copies are available from Kate Sharpley Library (Barcelona).

5) See, Joel Spring, *A Primer of Libertarian Education*; M.P. Smith, *the Libertarians & Education*; P. Avrich, *the Modern School Movement: Anarchism and Education in the United States*.

6) For this process see M. Bookchin, *the Ecology of Freedom: the Emergence and Dissolution of Hierarchy*.

7) An example of this see, J. Crump *Origins of Socialist Thought in Japan*, plus his *The Anarchist Movement in Japan*; M. Bookchin, *the Spanish Anarchists: the heroic years 1868-1936*; A.R. Carlson, *Anarchism in Germany: the Early Movement*; J.W.F. Dulles, *Anarchists & Communists in Brazil, 1900-1935*; R.A. Scalapino y G.T. Yu, *El movimiento anarquista en china*; J. Quail, *the slow Burning Fuse: the Lost History of the British Anarchists*; H. Oliver, *the International Anarchist Movement in Late Victorian London*; D. Guerin, *Anarchism*; C. Gaham, *Kropotkin & the Rise of Revolutionary Anarchism 1872-1886*; M. Fleming, *The Anarchist Way to Socialism: Elisee Reclus & Nineteenth Century European Anarchism*; S.H. Padilla, *El magonismo: historia de una pasion libertaria 1900-1922*; and, C.M. MacLachlan, *Anarchism & the Mexican revolution: the Political trial of Ricardo Flores Magon in the United States*.

8) To give one example, that of Britain, we can say that there are so many Marxist groupings calling itself a party, and sometimes numbering no more than twenty people in all, that it's impossible to list them all. For a brief overview see, *Black Flag*. Its worth pointing out that these handful of individuals are so arrogant, that they

consider themselves the rightful leaders of not only all workers where they live, their "country", but of all "workers", and hence of everyone in the world. But what else can you expect from the vanguard student elite corps? 85% are students - but only while they are students at University - 5% people who earn a salary ("wage slaves"), and 10% academics, who also happen to be the leaders of a party.

9) Cesar Vidal, *La revision del Holocausto; contra las mentiras neonazis*.

10) J. Crump, *Origins of Socialist Thought in Japan*.

11) See J. Crump, *ibid*, chapter 8 p. 182-211; plus his *The Anarchist Movement in Japan*.

12) It is called "evolutionism" because as parliaments "evolve", gain more Socialist M.P.'s, and these introduce socialism "gradually" over a period of time, then a sudden rapid "violent revolution" would not be necessary. Hence, "evolution" as opposed to "revolution".

13) See F. Borkenau, *World Communism; Polemica numero especial Pedro Kropotkin*, enero 1992, for the relationship between the IIIrd International, the CNT and the Anarchist groups. See also A.M. de Lera, *Angel Pestana: retrato de un anarquista*, chapter IV, p 136-166; G.H. Meaker, *The Revolutionary Left in Spain 1914-1923*; J.W.F. Dulles, *op. cit.* S.S. Large, *Organised Workers & Socialist Politics in Interwar Japan*; V. Garcia & W. Tyler, *Muselfushugi: the Revolutionary Movement in Japan*, chapters 16, 18 & 19; T.A. Stanley, *Osugi Sakae: Anarchist in Taisho Japan*; J. Crump, *The Anarchist Movement*, chapter II, p11-27.

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WHAT IS TO BE UNDONE?

Chess and military strategists hone their skills by replaying old contests. We too can learn to defend against attacks through close study of recent times. We can take precautions now without encouraging paranoia or diverting attention from our main goals. A limited number of basic methods and approaches exist adapting to changing social and technological conditions.

CHECKLIST

1. Check out any disturbing letter, rumour, phone call, e-mail etc before acting on it. Ask the supposed source if she or he is responsible.
 2. Keep records of incidents which appear to reflect dodgy types activity. Evaluate your response and report your experiences to Supporters and other groups that document repression and resistance.
 3. Deal openly and honestly with differences and call for tolerance of race, gender, class, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, personality, experience, physical and intellectual capacities. The more broad the movement, the stronger it will be and should not allow the Police etc to exploit, divide us.
 4. Don't try to expose a suspected agent or informer without solid proof. Purges based on suspicion only help create paranoia and distrust. It is better to just criticise what a disruptive persons says and does, without speculating as to why.
 5. Support all movement activists who come under Government attack. Don't be put off by political slander, such as attempts to smear any militant opponents of government policy as "terrorists".
- Organise public opposition to witch hunts, political trials, deportations and other forms of harassment.
6. Get a network of sympathetic lawyers, and journalists who will investigate and publicise domestic covert operations by the Government. Let the know when you are harassed. Since such operations need secrecy, public exposure can undermine their ability to repress us.
 7. Don't try to tough it out alone. Don't let others fret and suffer by themselves. Make sure that activists who are under stress get the help they need (someone to talk with, rest, therapy etc.) It is crucial that we build support networks and take care of each other.
 8. Don't get diverted from the main goals. Our most powerful weapon against political repression is effective organising around the needs and issues which directly affect everyday life. Sure the Nazis are a hassle but it is the Government which controls immigration/ deportation pushes the immigration = unemployment LIE and polices us all.

Infiltration

Agents are cops disguised as activists. Informers are paid by the Government or keep out of jail by dobbing other people in. There are sleepers who gradually gain people's confidence, take on doing the mail-out to get the list of subscribers to a magazine or gradually get to know everyone's workplace and home address.

Then there are provocateurs. They cause chaos, splits, spread rumours, disrupt meetings, social occasions, and any public activity. They steal, stir up rivalries, provoke jealousy, urge divisive proposals, generally wreck the network and set up zealous activists for jail through dodgy actions. They promote paranoia, undermine trust among activists and scare off potential supporters.

Would the real informer please stand up?

They then exaggerate the extent of infiltration to instil fear. ASIO for example often publicly says it spies to encourage further infighting and purging of suspects whom the real informer has set-up eg. When a group is arrested a member can get special treatment from the cops or be released early to cause group suspicion to fall on them and spread rumour that they cooperated. Make up letters warning people they are dodgy when they are not etc. Further a forgery can be made using the targets handwriting of say a report to the police as if they are an agent and then plant this letter to be found incriminating them. This distracts attention from the real informer.

Coping

1. Do not push new or hesitant members or those facing personal, financial or legal problems, to take risks beyond which they are ready to handle. Arrest and prosecution places them in jeopardy and vulnerable to recruitment as informers.
2. Deal openly with what anyone says and does, whether they are suspected, have emotional problems, or is simply a sincere but naive or confused person new to the work.
3. Establish a process through which anyone who suspects an infiltrator (or other covert operation) can express his or her fears without scaring others. Experienced people assigned this responsibility can do a great deal to maintain morale and focus while consolidating information and how to use it. A group discussion on the dangers of paranoia and the need to clear up suspicions must accompany the procedure.
4. If you do expose an agent or informer warn others. If they have admitted their role and you have clear verified basis then you are not being set up to expose someone who is okay and cover up for the real dodgy type! Act immediately use photographs, drawings, aliases, identifying traits and a description of their methods of operation. This reduces the chance of them repeating their abuse of people's confidence.
5. An open public organisation trying to reach out and involve new people is vulnerable to accusations of discrimination if you falsely accuse somebody. So if they are suspected informer restrict their access to information and finances first before risking exposure. The active disrupter or provocateur should be confronted privately at first in case they are naive or misguided. If they persist you must make it an open group meeting. Plan how to limit damage, disruption and demoralisation eg change locks, expel the dodgy type, tell others of your reasons.

Psyops

PSYchological OPERations is a term used by the cops and military in Northern Ireland but now widely around the world. Attacking a movement from the outside is done in several ways eg through the media. False media stories are passed as 'news' or 'documentary' exposes through careerist journalists who collaborate with the cops.

Bogus leaflets, pamphlets etc are also put out about to discredit groups eg. FBI 'dirty tricks' put out a bogus colouring book that was anti-white and over the top violent as though used in a Black Panther Party programme of free breakfasts for children. Former supporters withdrew shocked.

The FBI also did bogus leaflets and letters on official letterheads to turn groups against each other, wrecking truces. Threats made over the phone or as letters pretending to be from a known activist or group can intimidate some into departing before they check out if it is real. False extortion attempts is another tactic to put fear and confusion about. Using agents or informers personal details of a targetted activist can be added to make it authentic.

Anonymous letters and phone calls to increase suspicions, divide communities by say (falsely) accusing well known members of collaboration with the cops, corruption or sexual affairs with other activists partners. The distrust is intensified and concerns over "what to do about it" and endless private speculation overtake time otherwise spent organising.

To push people to violence, Chicago FBI dirty tricksters via informers got the Blackstone Rangers street gang believing the Black Panther Party were going to kill then leader Jeff Fort. At the same time BPP leader Fred Hampton was told in an anonymous letter from "a black brother you don't know" of a plot "to get you out of the way" by the Rangers. This lead to a series of armed confrontations.

Mail and telephone spying

Mail can be looked at using technology developed originally for surgery, telephones, even public phones tapped at exchanges can use computers to pick up key words eg a name, address, term for a drug, weapon etc and begin recording. It is to be expected. So don't say anything in letters or over the phone you could not justify in Court. Anyone who writes dodgy letters or talks big action over the phone should be asked are they naive? If they continue watch and expose as dodgy.

Obviously torn letters or clicking phones or heavies parked outside is to intimidate you while the informers go quietly about their tasks. Individual cranks eg right winger working in your local post office or telephone can also be responsible for missing or damaged mail chronic phone clicks etc. With a lawyer visit the local Post Office or Exchange and complain about interference as they will have to record that you have complained. Writing letters or making phone-calls to those who spy on you can be a way of getting back at them too.

Use codes if you are brilliant, another language or just change the subject but keep the same terms ie the weather, cooking, music of everyday conversation. Get to know how to use a mobile phone, e-mail, a short wave radio, walkie talkies, CB radio, to send messages hand delivered by trusted friends, cassette tapes keep them guessing are you winding them up or really up to something? Talking in a bathroom with all the taps

on. Let flushing will mess up recording. Try using several radios tuned to different stations, played loud in one room and their face to ear you can talk to a friend. Go outside move through trees and bushes as you talk.

If you are worried about bugging or surveillance write on a chalk board to each other, or on a note pad and destroy the notes. Use a card or board game as a front to gather people together, put on music as back ground. Do not verbally discuss write to each other any questions about people you reckon are dodgy and destroy paper or clean board at games end. This works best if you change direction of surface eg flat on table on its side passed around like cards in case of in-room surveillance eg camera. The paranoids in Embassys came up with that one as cheapest and securest form of communication.

Non-events to piss people off

Advertising non-existent events and misinforming people of the time and place of an actual one is a gruelling one which aims to get the organisers blamed.

How to Cope

90% of all criminal arrests come from 'confidential informers'. These individuals are usually turned after their own arrest and aid the police in exchange for favourable treatment Paul Watson a founder of Greenpeace, left to found Sea Shepherd, the "Earth First! of the Seas" in his book *Earthforce* which looks at strategy for activists he recommends not doing illegal actions with anyone you have not known and trust for at least 7 years.

Affinity Groups

Solo efforts are likely to cause least harm to others as if you are caught it is your own responsibility not a groups campaign or 'movement' though the police and media etc will try and make criminals of everyone they see as an enemy of the State as happened during the propaganda by the deed or 'illegalist' actions of the notorious bomb-throwing killers of despots.

To watch over your shoulder as you get up to funny biz is stress that can be shared with a trusted friend looking out not only for security, cops etc. Another role is to make sure that no traces are left behind ie you wear gloves, hat, mask and take with you any incriminating stuff, change your clothes, shoes afterwards and dispose of them carefully. A 'cleaner'.

Start on small actions, simple plans and accept that if anyone wants to stop, not do it to go with that and come back another time or realise that the front-line is not for everyone. This will really piss off any dodgy types as nothing happens and they have nothing to report watch out for people who push you all to do anything you feel is too hard, you will easily get caught for or is not well planned etc. If the stakes are high, don't be afraid to trust your intuition.

The only way to find out if people can handle stress is by doing something together, obviously avoid those who talk big and are casual acquaintances. Once you have established a group of

friends you can work with you then have to deal with new members.

Secret Society Oath.

To reinforce group cohesion an oath of secrecy and loyalty is always important. During the Luddite uprisings in early 19th-Century England oath-swearing was made a capital offence! It is important that group members openly and directly declare their willingness to protect each other. It is psychologically much stronger than just assuming the same. The memory of such a moment can provide a boost under police interrogation when most groups come unravelled.

Casual conversation is best used to gauge the depth of her/his commitment. If all goes well, proceed to introduce, carefully, the topic of sabotage with say the aid of a media report dealing with such an act. You cannot rush, be patient. It may take months to find out if they are too nervous, too paranoid, too slack or in the other direction too extreme. Do not make out you have had experience in such matters (if they back out they then will still have no knowledge that can harm you). Take on a simple action like spray-painting to test out how they go and how you feel about them. Bound together by shared danger and experience you may then consider introducing the new person to your group, talk to others and check out their past.

Time Wounds all Heels

If the new person has reservations after the action respect that and either end it there or at least wait before introducing them. Always lean towards caution, do not speed up such screening and be wary of any coincidental odd happenings eg break-ins of your house or car. The new recruit's controllers may want to speed up what they want to know about you and your group so may force things along.

Any sudden need to be safe housed because they are on the run etc also should arouse suspicion as again it is an attempt to speed up information gathering. There are women's refugees and men can also get off the streets etc without having to compromise you and your affinity group. Any new person is the responsibility of the member who introduced them to the periphery of the group and should not let them know about everyone until an agreed time and some testing has been passed.



This is the story of John and Betty, two people who cared about society and so wanted to do something.

By Eddie Yllek.

Both the author and distributor point out that this is just a story and no one would or should use the methods employed by our heroes.

John and Betty went walking one day and saw that the lowest form of life on earth had moved into their neighbourhood, yes the nazis had opened a bookshop just down the road.

At first they thought they would have to move away, but suddenly both of our valiant heroes realised that they had to do something about this, they weren't leaving - the nazis were. John looked at a brick lying beside the road, but Betty pointed out the witnesses and police car that were near by, better to think this through. So they went home to plan and organise. They also realised that if they did anything illegal they would not even tell their best friends, it would be their private acts, this minimised the risks to both them and their friends.

They decided that the best way to attack was to hit at the nazis communications, without communication they couldn't recruit or spread their vile propaganda.

So they made a list of targets and how to effect them and soon realised that there were things anybody could do:

Telephone: They rang and sang them songs, played music, recited poems, blew whistles into the phone (this can burst eardrums) or just told them what they thought of them (they held the phone a bit away from their ear to protect their ear drums).

Shop: First they glued the locks from time to time (helped the locksmith make a living), supa glue was quick but easily removed with solvents so they started using one of the good metal glues available from the handyman bar at their local hardware, this had to be done earlier in the evening as it took longer to set, but it meant that the lock had to be replaced.

They discovered butyric acid; a very mild acid that's really hard to get rid of and smells so foul that they had to wear rubber gloves to fill the syringes they used to squirt it into the places they wanted to "do". At first when they rang the chemical supply place they'd got from the yellow pages where it could be purchased for about \$50 for a 50 ml bottle without identification they were confused because the person asked if they wanted "butyric acid" or "butyric acid L". It didn't matter for their purposes but it sounded less suspicious if they sounded definite when they rang. They pulled the needles out of the syringes with a pair of pliers, so they sprayed better and couldn't be considered a weapon. By diluting the butyric acid with water it worked well from a water pistol. When they paint bombed the front of the shop it made it much prettier (pink or rainbow looked great).

Posters: As well as all the methods for graffiti they found out that the glue on most posters is easily softened by water, so they wet the posters down well before removing them.

Street stalls: They could see no difference between stalls and people handing out leaflets so all those methods worked. They noticed that a person engaged in a long philosophical discussion couldn't spread their propaganda to people who may believe it.

Fax: They got 3 pages with a message on them, fed one through a fax and taped the 3 together into a loop, this allowed them to continually spew out the nazis entire roll of paper with an appropriate message on it.

HOWEVER, they also realised that some of the phone and fax things could constitute assault or nuisance phone calls and as they wanted to avoid arrest they used public or office phones so that they couldn't be traced (tracing is now instant).

Mail: They sent lots of mail in the form of; old phone books, bricks, plain letters, suspicious parcels; unfortunately they forgot the stamps, the post office said they wouldn't pay; instead they sent a big bill to the nazis.

Graffiti: Sometimes they went around and altered the graffiti or paint bombed it. When they made paint bombs, they found that some paint reacted with balloons so condoms where better, they had some trouble when they used the thin condoms which burst in their hands, the Ansel ones in the blue packets were best because they're really thick. Smaller paint bombs could be made

by blowing eggs, covering the bottom hole with tape, using a syringe to fill them with paint and taping the top hole. Paint bombing was quick in places where they thought they might get caught/court, and it was fun.

They found that thinned paint could be used in a water pistol (the big pump up ones were great) and could be used on people, posters, billboards. Really fast and really effective.

They got a group together, approached the council and made a public/media event out of cleaning off the insulting graffiti done by the criminal, antisocial nazis who were offending the sensibilities of the local community, the media loved it.

Leafleters: A loud voice explaining what the leaflets are worked really well (street theatre is very powerful), standing close face to face and using a loud voice incited the nazis to violence, John and Betty found that if they had witnesses and didn't fight back, it was easy to be the victim and have the scum charged with assault (in places where they had to get permission to hand out information an assault meant that they weren't allowed back), and of course they found their butyric acid, paint bombs and water pistols came in useful and were lots of fun.

The nazis went away, leaving peace and joy in the neighbourhood, flowers grew with butterflies flitting amongst them, sweet music played, children sang and John and Betty lived happily ever after.

Of course they kept some paint bombs, butyric acid and other fancy stuff in case any other cancers grew in their world. John and Betty had learnt that they had the power to change their world. It was no good waiting for the government (which was full of nazis anyway), it was their world, their responsibility - nothing could stop them now.

DODGY TYPES

HOW TO RECOGNISE & WHAT TO DO & SOME EXAMPLES

Recently in Melbourne the local anarchist community has been conned by ex-prisoner Ben A. Afterman. This is written in the aftermath of that turmoil. Men in the scene mostly were concerned about his being a police informer, agent-provocatour and if they would be set-up. Women reacted on an instinctual and gut level to inform each other about him or get him out of our community. He shot through to Sydney and was last heard of having overdosed, feeling terrible about what he had done (tried to rape a woman at knife point). As he had departed this City it was then necessary for all those affected to meet up, and find out what his victim wanted done, and what we would all do about it.

It became apparent that Ben had used the differences in the community to his own ends and in some cases tried to make them worse. He isolated those who thought he was dodgy could not go public as they felt the rest of the movement would not believe them as he was a prisoner activist involved in everything going eg.

Anarchist Black Cross, People's Justice Alliance, Doing Time Prisoners radio show, Food Not Bombs, Barricade Bookshop - he resigned from the collective and wanted to set up another "punk shop" instead. **Friends of the Earth, Campaign Against Militarism**, anti-fascist organising and more! Always eager to meet new groups members and visit their homes he certainly gained nearly everyone's confidence rapidly. All the while he was sleazing onto women especially younger women, (some began to avoid him or places he would go, and considered resigning from things he was a member of. Some began to speak out warn other women, confront him and spit in his face. Then he got frustrated, not enough action was happening, tried to persuade anyone he could, of the need to get weapons, do some arson, kidnapping, violence. He began to plan his escape to Sydney and saw the opportunity to try and rape a woman who believed him when he said he had nowhere to stay.

I am not an expert, hey I was conned by Ben too! Further examples should be forthcoming written up by others. In the meanwhile persevere, read through this lot and make up your own mind on the best way to make trouble but not get caught and how to avoid dodgy types!

Each generation of activists has to deal with its own movement and community attracting dodgy types. Some people will react faster than others, their suspicions aroused while others avoid the problem as too paranoid, too hard, which prolongs the danger. If it exists it must be exposed and action taken to educate everyone interested on what happened.

Some dodgy types may be hustlers out to rip off what they can, or abuse women if they think they can get away with it, and expecting anarchists not to go to the cops. Others collect information for the cops, military, Corporations or Gangsters. There are those agents for authoritarian political groups (left or right) or religions (fundamentalists) sussing out who is who, lives where and is useful to their provocations or a threat to their masters. Some try and set up comrades by getting illegal drugs or weapons stored, undertake "some real action" which is a frame-up for State prosecution or military intervention in social chaos to bring "Order".

Those arrested or who can be blackmailed can then in turn become informers or face jail and having to leave their work, studies, neighbourhood as local wrath catches up with them. The life of the informer is dangerous and attracts the spy-thriller-loving fantasist. Reality is much more

mundane and tedious. The employers or controllers cannot guarantee their safety let alone a pension for services rendered in these tough economic times. Informers use-by-dates are usually rapidly apparent, so suicide is often the only real option for them.

To be an open movement means we need to trust new people, encourage them to take on their own activities and use our resources. But on our terms which does not tolerate any homophobic, racist, sexist or dodgy behaviour eg excessive drug use, unreliability, posturing to do full-on actions in a reckless manner to people hardly known.

Up to now most informers and provocateurs have been white males but as society becomes multicultural and the role of women progresses in more areas of everyday life so there will inevitably be dodgy Kooris, migrants, gays and women too. The trick is to avoid becoming clandestine or hostile to newcomers while protecting everybody.

Some examples of dodgy types.

What becomes apparent when reading these brief profiles is that even respected activists can be turned (by blackmail, threat of return to prison etc). Desperate times produce desperate acts, and people, but some should have been obvious, exposed earlier than they were. This says more about our compassionate but marginalised numbers and therefore always welcome new people to the movement than it does the skill of the infiltrators.

Guerrero Luca

After the victory of General Franco and the Fascists in Spain in 1938 the anarchist movement split into exiles, and those inside who continued the illegal struggle. Over the decades, generations threw themselves into the dandestine resistance. People like Sabater and his brothers, Facerras had gone it alone. Volunteers based on affinity groups and around them supporters emerged. In the early 1960s the new wave like Octavio Alberola undertook actions to see the Dictatorship abolished not liberalised. Yet arrests and failed assassination plots (on Dictator Franco) frustrated many, ugly suspicions were voiced. The exiles did not want their comfortable lifestyle disturbed as fossilised non-leading leadership left over from the days of the civil war. They denounced the whole idea of urban guerilla activity. This was taken up later by the liberal pacifist tendency who in Australia for example turned out **You Can't Blow Up A social Relationship** but like the Left cheered on, safely from afar, the 'third world' guerrillas.

It only came out in 1993 that Guerrero Luca, a long time aide to Alberola was in fact an informer (hence all the foiled actions) - a police agent who had ensured failure.

Another youth, in 1978, son of a well know anarchist family, had fire bombed a Barcelona restaurant, La Scala at the end of a CNT demonstration resulting in the death of waiters (some of whom were CNT members!). The media and police used the provocation to harass and frame up several militants, wasting movement time energy and resources and the lives of the activists disproving the charges!

Mario Merlino

In the 1960s in Italy Merlino, a fascist turned to infiltration and provocation in the Maoist and then anarchist movements. In 1968 he set up a pseudo-March 22nd Group after the Nanterre group of libertarians that sparked the May events in France '68. After a demo at the French Embassy in Rome, Merlino and other fascists eg Stefano Delle Chiaie and Serafina di Luia fire bombed unrelated cars. The "action" was seen as stupid and the fascists present recognised by anti-fascists. The May 22nd group was dissolved.

Merlino's bosses then encouraged him to get into the then active Maoist scene. He asked a comrade of one Maoist group to hide some material "until the heat died down". Two days later the cops raided but the fuse wire and detonators had been disposed of rapidly. The Maoists warned people off as he was dodgy.

He passed himself off as a victim of police harassment to a young anarchist who introduced him to the Bakunin group in Rome. In this group the membership was split in two factions. The majority were under criticism from the younger members such as Pietro Valpreda on the grounds of being bureaucratic, elitists and unable to adapt to the new perspectives opened up by the student and workers' struggle.

Merlino quickly sided with the enrage faction and his presence was an important factor in the worsening relations between the groups and the decision to form a new one. For the splitters Merlino offered to raise the funds and with him went Valpreda and about seventeen other youngsters. Most of these were genuine but there were at least two state agents (police and security service) among them as well.

The "Anarchist Cookbook"

As the movement against the War in Vietnam and other protest grew State repression eg **COINTELPRO** increased also. Those who took up the armed struggle as the most militant tendency were subject to intense infiltration and manipulation eg the **Red Army Faction** and **June 2nd** in Germany in the 1970s, **Action Directe** in France in the 1980s. In Italy the **Red Brigades, Front Line** and **Revolutionary Action** groups actions were manipulated by the police and media and used to repress the **Autonomist** movement.

The Anarchist Cookbook appeared in the early 70s published by "**Barricade**". Yes **Barricade Books/Info shop**, in Melbourne, continues to get enquires in person and on the Internet for copies presuming we have copies for sale. Our refusal usually offends - reflecting the would-be buyers ignorance, hence their hostility, rather than our "censorship" or "pacifism". It is dodgy; the introduction postures as Nihilist. No they don't want to kill the Czar or his Police Chief. Their interpretation is anything goes, the ends justify the means/any means necessary. Yet the anarchist society will not come about in this way only more authoritarian shit. The publishers want you to manufacture and sell any illegal drugs (eg heroin!) and their chemistry is equally sus (reports came of several serious injuries when tests were run on the recipes). The wide circulation of this dodgy book has been overtaken nowadays by Kurt 'kill queers' Saxon and **Loompanics Publishing** in the USA and then distributed around the world. The new Militia movement in the USA and its echoes here eg **Confederate Action Party** or **Loyal Regiment of Australian Guardians** paramilitaries also get off on reading this crap as they ignore any warnings from the likes of us as **Red Homo Conspiracy**.

Red Wartham

The **Woodstock Anarchist Party**, pseudo was set up by Red Wartham, a member of the **Ku Klux Klan** (& FBI?) to monitor, infiltrate and manipulate the youth movement which exploded in the early 70s. Jumping on the Woodstock event as a new example of "anarchy maaan" he sold his Party as a more radical split from the **Youth International Party** (yippies). The Party required a pledge of non-violence (turn the other cheek so the Klan can burn that too?) of its members. After several anarchists challenged WAP's line Wartham began expounding his anti-Black racism, stemming from his family tragedy where women members were raped allegedly by "Blacks".

Gary Jewell

A well known syndicalist for several years in Canada, (Jewell was interviewed in leftist Walter Johnson's book **WORKING in Canada**). He was a member of the **Industrial Workers of the World**, editing the **Industrial Defence Bulletin**. He was very serious to the point of intolerance. He became fascinated with the early South African IWW, the German resistance to Hitler. Eventually he became frustrated at the slow rate of progress and lack of direct action in the modern syndicalist movement. He ended up joining a Nazi Party in Canada!

Richard Seary

Seary jumped into the 70's Australian youth movements fascination with Eastern religion, drugs and fantasy. He joined the **Hare Krishnas** and pushed a more political line, tried to persuade them to bomb Homebush Abattoir outside Sydney. They rejected these tactics.

Seary went on to join the **Ananda Marga** and set up anti-racist activist members Paul Alister, Ross Dunn and Tim Anderson. They were convicted of conspiracy to murder the then leader of the **National Front** in Australia, Robert Cameron at Yagoona, Sydney and suspicion of bombing the Sydney Hilton Hotel during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 1978. They were pardoned on May 15 1985.

Seary was used by the Police in the prosecution and some suggest he may have planted the bomb at the Hilton but the warning system broke down. At the time, ASIO and several State Special Branches were being called to account for their massive spying on the Left (eg the South Australian ALP), and tolerance for right-wing organisations and their provocations by contrast. The bombing - "Australia's first act of political terrorism" - provided the secret police with an open cheque budget for new premises, equipment for surveillance etc and more extensive coordination with the military intelligence facilities.

Ray Denning

In the early 1980s Ray Denning was a left-wing hero, famous for daring to campaign against the mistreatment of prisoners and "police verbals." He was "verballed" (police produced an unsigned record of interview as proof in his trial for bashing a prison officer to death) and linked up with the **Prisoners Action Group**, **Women Behind Bars** and the campaign to free the framed up Anderson, Dunn and Alister.

Sick of jail sadism (bashed in Grafton, Katingai, Maitland and Parramatta) and seeing political protest as futile, he escaped from Grafton jail (the only man ever to do so).

While on the run he became a household name. He pinned a note to the door of the CIB HQ to protest against the 'verbal'. He attended a Prisoners Art Show opened by the Chairman of the Corrective Services Commission; he sat in the gallery of Parliament; he was involved in an incident when shots were fired at the guard tower in Parramatta Jail...and more!

He sent tapes to ABC radio 2JJ, a video tape to Channel 9's **Sixty Minutes** protesting "verbals". He was recaptured at Manly in Sydney by CIB police including Det Sergeant Arnie Tees who was to fix Denning and later Tim Anderson. A book the **Ray Denning Diary** was released, widely read and distributed. Tees took over Denning's future and engineered his rehabilitation and rejection of his outlaw role fighter against injustice. Denning went to lighter security and managed to escape again from Goulburn Jail in 1988. He was recaptured in Melbourne at Doncaster Shopping Centre. By now facing long term maximum security jail and a heroin addict

Denning became a "supergrass" and in return for being an informer got an indemnity for crimes in Queensland and Victoria and went back to NSW and Arnie Tees controller. Denning informed on many ex-friends and claimed that Tim Anderson had confessed to the Hilton bombing in 1978 when they had been in jail together.

On May 30 1989, relying on Ray Denning's "verbal" Tees arrested Anderson and charged him with the Hilton bombing.

Evan Pederick

From a religious family (his father was a Methodist Minister) he explored other religions trying Hinduism and its offshoot **Ananda Marga** wanting to become a Marga monk. He was to find it too hard and came to hate the Ananda Marga and Tim Anderson he met while a member. He returned to his family and Christianity. Pederick reappeared in June 1989 after making a confession to a West End Brisbane priest Father James Brown. Brown called the police and the Queensland CIB turned up and put him in contact with Tees.

Pederick claimed in court that he had placed the bomb on Anderson's orders. Pederick and Denning's "evidence" was rejected by the Judge and Jury and Anderson was released.

Denning was released from jail and died soon after of a heroin overdose. Pederick having claimed he did the bombing was jailed for his part and despite his obvious psychiatric problems remains inside the prison system!

Earth First!

The radical ecologist "green" activist organisation Earth First! was effective enough to be considered a threat by the US Government and the beef, logging and mining Corporations of America. Agents both private and State began to infiltrate and provoke "actions" to discredit EF! and get activists jailed.

Earth First! encouraged direct action but drew the line at hurting people. The book **Monkey-wrenching** details how to sabotage equipment and make effective propaganda while ensuring your own security. The book is banned in Australia.

Howie Wolke, a guide and outfitter from Jackson, Wyoming, received the maximum sentence, six months, for pulling up survey stakes along a proposed gas exploration road in an important roadless area and elk habitat on the Bridger-Teton National Forest. The oil industry brought pressure to ensure the max sentence would be given.

Two youngsters were talked into a poorly-considered billboard caper in Corvallis, Oregon, by a writer for a national magazine. They were caught. Both spent time in jail and paid thousands of dollars in restitution. The reporter got her story and her magazine's lawyers got her out of trouble with the law.

The FBI sent an "ex Vietnam vet" Michael Tate, undercover, to get EF! founder Dave Foreman and friends like Roger Featherstone to sabotage high voltage power lines leading from the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant in Arizona.

Judi Bari, a feminist and EF! organiser was harassed, run off the road and finally bombed in her car. The trial to expose who did bomb her continues as this is written. She alas died in April 1987, her body weakened by the explosion's devastating injuries and cancer.

Australian EF! organisers and their gatherings have been subject to police and private agent "Forest Protection Society" (a front set up by the woodchip Corporations on advise from their US counterparts) break-ins, harassment and set-ups.

A "bomb" was put on the rails of a logging train track just prior to the elections in Tasmania by a pseudo EF group. It did not go off and too prompt police arrival made many suspicious. The action

provoked much outrage whipped up by the media and corrupt polities to have EF! banned. This resulted in official Green groups like the Wilderness Society condemning EF! in the Tasmanian media.

Animal Liberation Front

In the 1980's Britain's ALF attacked and did property damage serious enough for the British police to set up its own Animal Branch to monitor (infiltrate and provoke then arrest) activists. A series of dodgy individuals some rip-off merchants who were also rapists and alcoholics and some agents of Corporations and the State set up pseudo groups and "actions". In the midst of all this the real movement grew from hunt-sabbing, anti-vivisection tests on animals actions against scientists and their labs. Militant opposition to battery hen & butcher chains, to the export of live animals all confronted the industry. The activists have seen members get caught, framed (most recently **Green Anarchist** and ALF supporters paper editors) and with effective defence campaigns resist!

McLibel

During the lengthy McDonalds versus **London Greenpeace** (Dave Morris and Helen Steel) Libel trial it was revealed that McDonalds paid private agents to attend meetings of L.G. and gather information for the Libel case Prosecution. They offered to help with mail outs and other secretarial work to find out resources, supporters names and addresses etc. These agents went on to participate in distributing the "offending leaflet" **What's Wrong With McDonalds**. The British police also sent along their own agents but information on who and what they did was not allowed in the trial.

Anti-fascism

The "respected" **Searchlight** magazine and **Campaign Against Racism and Fascism** network is run by Gerry Gable. It's the "official," "expert" monitoring and reporting resource. It works so well with the cooperation of MI5. The British Government wants Fascists and anti-fascists monitored so it uses Searchlight to do both and when it decides smear, endanger (ie puts out 'lists' of home addresses etc.) or entrap them for political show trials.

The **Anti-Nazi League** is a **Socialist Workers Party** front used to sell the paper and build the Party. There are also other 'united front' set ups manipulated by authoritarians. Long term **National Front/ British Movement/ British National Party** fascists like Ray Hill turn out to be undercover agents for Searchlight and escaped jail for their crimes by working with the State and selling their story to the media. Hill went on with another 'undercover' dodgy type Tim Hepple to smear Tim Scargill of **Class War Organisation** (a split from the original Federation and Class War paper) Larry O'Hara an independent researcher, the **Hunt Saboteurs Association** and others. They were finally exposed trying to entrap **Green Anarchist** editors.

Critics

Stuart Home in the UK and Bob Black in the USA are two ultra-critical poseurs who have parasite style attached themselves to the anarchist 'scene' and are always stirring up shit-fights for their own ego-gratification as Father/guru figures to the ignorant. Bob Black, a lawyer, reckons he is for Anarchy and against anarchism and especially hates anarchists. The **Processed World** (dissident office workers) magazine group he entered, and finally left, in literally a blaze of infamy, as he tried to burn down their office. Called to account for his act he left town on a tour

of further 'interventions'. One recently came to light when he called the Police to arrest two individuals who he fell out with.

Anarchy magazine (infamous for its "free speech" forum on paedophiles and racists) editor Ted Kappelley is a Bob Black wannabe and has recently ripped off some activists and been exposed too.

Stewart Home, has declared himself so avant-garde/far ahead that the punk and anarchist scene not worthy of any further 'interventions'. Recently he did condescend to attack the **Green Anarchist** editors who were undergoing State police harassment. His accusations they took up and have refuted others have called him personally to account which he sees as threatening. Yet when he accuses people of being fascists, State agents etc it is all just praxis, dialectical or ART?

Swaggering macho yobs who bellow their ignorance and want everyone to be in fear of them come in many guises nasty junkies, "chaos" or "drunk punks" who go to gigs, benefits and house parties starting fights, disrupting socials or causing havoc are the latest wave. Forerunners are creepy rapist hippies of Contest.

Suggested Further reading

What Everyone Needs to Know About State Repression. Victor Serge. 1920. Serge exposes how the Czar's Russian secret police worked based on files seized by radicals. He was an anarchist, jailed during the Bonnot Gang 'illegalists' actions in France. He became a Bolshevik in Russia and later a Trotskyist after rejecting Stalin's State Terror.

Agents Of Repression. The FBI's Secret COINTELPRO War Against the Black Panther Party and the American Indian Movement by Ward Churchill and Jim Vander Wall. 1990. South End Press. ISBN 0-89608-293-8. This massive tome looks at the FBI as political police its origins in the harassment of anarchists (their jailing, death eg Sacco & Vanzetti, or deportation eg Emma Goldman & Alexander Berkman) Industrial Workers of the World and others. It then moves on to the CounterINTElligencePROgram in recent times. Agents-provocateurs, infiltrators and informers are systematically exposed by their own actions either caught out by activists early or revealed when they are used as evidence in set-up trials or by their controllers whose use for them is finished.

Stefano Delle Chiaie - Portrait of a Black Terrorist. Stuart Christie. 1984. Refract. ISBN 0-946222-09-6. Christie examines the career of Chiaie and neo-fascist terrorist organisations. The strategy of tension in Italy was part of a global network of provocation, infiltration and murder. Italian anarchist black cross secretary and railway worker Guiseppe Pinelli was arrested and murdered by cops. Pietro Valpreda was arrested and spent decades clearing his name after police frame-up for bombings done by neo-fascists. Italian playwright Dario Fo wrote **Accidental Death of an Anarchist**.

The Valpreda Papers. Pietro Valpreda. 1975. Gollancz. ISBN 0575 09178 6. Written while in prison by the ballet-dancer. He was framed up by Merlino for the fascists and Police for a crime he did not commit: the bombing of a Milan bank and death of 16 people and injuring 88. Valpreda endured being made into a monster in the media, heavy interrogations, solitary confinement.

Free Alister, Dunn and Anderson. The Ananda Marga Conspiracy Case. Tim Anderson. 1985. Wild & Woolley. ISBN 0909331 82 0. "The Truth About the Hilton Hotel Bombing".

The role of Richard Seary, liar, agent provocateur, police informer and heroin addict is examined in more detail as part of the whole frame-up from 1978 to 1985.

The Ray Denning Diary 1982 A day to day unfolding of survival by the then fighter against police verbals and injustice. Published by supporters after he was caught after escaping from Grafton Prison.

Inside Outlaws. A Prison Diary Tim Anderson 1989. Redfern Legal Centre Publishing. ISBN 0-947205-07-1 Mostly written during his 1978-1985 imprisonment, two essays on drugs and the Law & Order climate were done after he was pardoned. He was framed-up a second time shortly after this book was published.

The Incredible Exploding Man. Evan Pederick & the Trial of Tim Anderson. John Jiggins 1991 Samizdat Press. ISBN 0 646 03899 0. An excellent detailed look at the background to Pederick. speculates on the motivations of why he said he planted the Hilton Bomb and helped in the second frame-up of Tim Anderson.

Without a Trace. How Police Forensics Work & How to Get Away with It. Moriarty. Hooligan Press 1986. Based on British police but applicable if adapted and updated to other regions and technological developments.

ECODEFENCE: A Field Guide to Monkey wrenching. 2nd edition. Edited by Dave Foreman & Bill Haywood. Forward! by Edward Abbey. 1987 Ned Ludd Books. ISBN 0-933285-03-5. It is quite hard to get 'legally' obtain this book. The most relevant chapter is on Security, updated from the experience of the frame-up and infiltration attempts and the arrest of several activists who got slack, set-up and caught.

War At Home Covert Action Against US Activists & What We Can Do About It. Brian Glick. 1989. South End Press. ISBN 0-89608-349-7. This short, pointed pamphlet examines COINTELPRO and domestic covert action on through the 80s and suggests besides exposure several methods of protection.

I Was a Teenage Fascist. David Grearson. 1995. A British migrant who went through the Right in Australia (from the Liberal Party, League of Rights to the National Front etc.) these recollections from his childhood in Reservoir - Preston up to his present mainstream 'expert' and journalist.

At War With the Truth, A Lie Too Far (Searchlight, Hepple & the Left, Searchlight for Beginners, Turning up the Heat (MI5 after the Cold War). Larry O'Hara. Phoenix Press & others. 1992, '94, '95, '96. O'Hara exposes the manipulation of official anti-fascism and racism experts Searchlight by Gerry Gable, MI5. The smearing of Class War and other activists, attempts at entrapment in the anti-fascist movement and Green campaigns are all examined. For his efforts at exposing dodgy types O'Hara recently had his photo, work place and home address published by both the Nazis and Searchlight!

Report on Anti-Semitism in Australia 1-10-1995 -30-10-1996. Australia Israel Publications. 146 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst NSW 2010. Tel 02-9360-5415 e-mail: aip@tmx.mhs.oz.au The background, themes in anti-Jewish rhetoric, in the mainstream, the media, anti-Semitic organisations and publications, incidents of violence, vandalism and intimidation and

responses to anti-Semitism are all monitored and detailed. Also attached is debate on the Demidenko mock-novel scam, examples of anti-Semitic material (leaflets, hate mail and graffiti, reference material and media cuttings on the Racial Hatred Act 1995.

FILMS

Molly Maguires Dir Martin Ritt. 1969. USA. 125 min. Set in Pennsylvania in 1876. Catholic Irish miners exploited by Protestant employers undertake an ineffectual strike to improve conditions. The Molly Maguires is a secret organisation which uses "acts of terrorism" to make the bosses submit. The film focuses on a member of the Mollys and an informer.

Matewan. Dir: John Sayles. 1987. USA. 133 min. In the 1920s the Stone Mountain Coal Company owns virtually everything in the West Virginian town of Matewan. The Company reduces workers pay and begins employing Blacks & Italians against the wishes of the local whites who strike. The Company then hires armed strike breakers. The film celebrates community, collective action and confronts racism while a 'dodgy type' gets revealed too.

Infiltrator. USA/Germany. 1994. 90 min. Based on the true story of Yaron Svoray, a former Melbourne schoolboy at Mount Scopus College, and Israeli journalist who spent six terrifying months undercover in a dangerous effort to expose the highest-ranking leaders of Germany's violent neo-Nazi movement. A Festival Hall wrestler from the 1970s heyday named Ron Furey became his new name. Pretending he was a sympathiser from America, gathering interviews for a new right wing magazine he actually worked for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, in the USA. He exposed 41 individuals for breaking German Laws covering Nazism eg. rejecting the existence of the Auschwitz concentration camp or displaying Nazi insignia or giving fascist salutes. He also identified Friedhelm Busse, who had a Nazi shrine, and others who had weapons for arming skinheads. None were prosecuted. He also witnessed several attacks by neo-Nazis on Turkish cafes and migrant hostels; when arrested he and the thugs were taken to another suburb and released by the police.

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BOOK REVIEW

ANARCHY!

Title: *Anarchism and the Black Revolution*

Author: *Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin*

Price: \$13

Anarchism and the Black Revolution

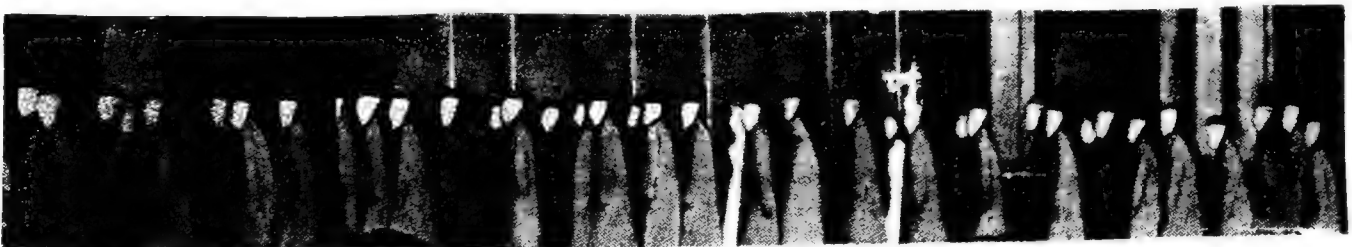
Lorenzo opens up his book by speaking about black autonomy. The necessity for Afro - American to decide for themselves their own course of actions. "Currently, European Anarchism places its greatest contradiction with the state in the states ability to hold back a free lifestyle, and this is exactly what we cannot limit our critique to. This is a white world-view based on their privileged place in this society. We realize that historically constructed "races" have been created under this system, which determine both the manner of life and death under this system, and the state upholds this racial/class system. It is no accident, and it's true that racism has not been commissioned by individual white workers, but they have been the beneficiaries of our oppression, and whites are part of the social control mechanism of the state. It is nonsense to say something otherwise, like "we are all in the same boat" or "all just workers" like the American socialist and communist have done. We say this is a lie and part of a myth about the white working class as a vanguard and "working class heroes"."

Anarcho - Syndicalists Of The World Unite

In this chapter, Lorenzo urges a resurgence in the I.W.A. (International Working People's Association). "Anarchist-Syndicalists advocate that it is the workers, organised in their revolutionary industrial unions, factory committees, Workers' Councils, and other labor formations, who will lead the revolution in their own interests, not a "vanguard" party of elite political theorists." Lorenzo points out that many if not most of the most highly exploited sectors of the work force such as women, migrants, and the unemployed are in fact not unionized or even acknowledged. As for the North American anarchist movement, Lorenzo has this to say. "Finally, as has been said by others, the Anarchist movement is still dominated by elements which are not working class, but rather middle class dropouts, and youth "freaks". We must convince the average person about the utility of anarchism generally, and its revolutionary syndicalism tendency particularly. If we cannot convince the average worker, then we are fooling ourselves and we need to get out of the way. I still think Anarcho - Syndicalism is the way to go, but I think much needs to be redefined, and new strategy and tactics must be adopted if it is not to be rendered completely passé."

A Draft Proposal For The Anarchist Black Cross

Lorenzo lays out a 15 point program for A.B.C. groups to adopt. What got me thinking was his eighth point in regards to forming coalitions with non anarchist groups. Lorenzo states, "We have to be non-sectarian when it comes to fighting for the rights and freedom of the victims of prison state slavery." He goes on to say "However, we will not subordinate our ideals and identity as anti authoritarians and Anarchists to any other



struggle or group. And we will not sustain attacks or make apologies for our beliefs in a Libertarian world, rather than a State Socialist or Western Imperialist one.”

Historically, Anarchists have both been persecuted and manipulated by the left as well as the system. Spain (1936-1939) and the Russian revolution are two instances that have been well documented. To enter into coalitions with sworn enemies is definitely not something unheard of in anarchist circles.

However, I take Lorenzo’s point that many anarchist political prisoners have used coalitions in the past to bring about their freedoms. i.e.: Martin Sostre in the 1970’s. If I was locked up in the system’s dungeons, I know I’d want everyone possible to help with my release.

Conclusion

I found this book a fucken amazing read. The book was short, concise, and free of all that intellectual garbage that you come to expect for most radical publications. Get a hold of it mate and share it around. A literary equivalent of a fist in a fascist’s face.



ANARCHY WITHOUT HYPHENS

Theory is the enemy of ideology and knows it. Dogmatic hacks and bureaucrats are strangling the reemergence of anarchy again. Many were optimistic that with the decline & fall of the Stalinist regimes of Russia and Eastern Europe that a new anarchist movement would arise beyond the small groupuscules of the West and Federations and Syndicates marginalised by the social democratic, reformed Stalinist and remaining Leninist Partys domination of the labour movement.

East and West, North & South there remains much fragmentation and squabbling. Anarchism with hyphens has been reshaped by the more narrow-minded to bitterly denounce each other and refuse to recognise each other as anarchists at all. Nigeria's Awareness League have begun their own African anarchism in response to the great social question how to end exploitation!

NEW WHIRLED ODOUR

We are at the end of the 90s entering an epoch of New World Order where Corporations whose rebellions did not go far enough like Murdoch's media News Limited, the mining giant CRA-RTZ and oil-companies like

Shell and the military industrial complex are global and would control all resources, manufacturing and merchandising. The urbanised youth who conform to cars and sexism, fast food like MacDonalds and Coca Cola and fashion like Nike shoes and Pop stars are the legacy of their parents defeat by spectacular commodity capitalism. The spectacle sold back the 50's rock and roll and 60s student revolts as its police and mafia murdered any real rebels and industrialism automated the machinery of repression and pacification.

WHAT ABOUT THE WORKERS??

Anarcho-syndicalism relaunched the International Workers Association with the return of the Secretariat to Spain in 1979. Revolutionary Unionism in the form of the Industrial Workers of the World in the USA, USI in Italy, SAC in Sweden and experiments in non-Party unionism eg Solidarity in Poland, COSATU in South Africa, KFTU in Korea, SBSI in Indonesia and many more in many 'Third world regimes'.

WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN?

Anarcho-feminism with the chronic lack of response is priority for the struggles of child-care, incest and child abuse, abortion, contraception, unequal pay, domestic and sexual violence. Along with the reemergence of the CNT in Spain Mujeres Libres also reformed. As part of the Federations in Italy and France there has been a push from within in other regions autonomous womens groups with their own networks and media have come and gone.

Anarcho-Primitivism questions technology and "progress" of industrialism and agriculture which has seen groups like Earth First! Sea Shepherd and Green

Anarchist organising in the anti-logging, anti-Freeway, indigenous solidarity (both with aboriginal peoples, old-growth forests, native flora and fauna conservation, wilderness protection) anti-Genetic engineering, animal liberation and deep ecology movements.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

Youth cultural movements have taken up the past subcultures of refusal and defiance like beats, skinheads, rude boys, rastas, ragamuffin, hippies, punks, into a hybrid use. Techno rave happenings and social squats in the cities and feral communes in rural areas are temporary autonomous zone experiments as many reckon the Cities will collapse and welfare end. Long running festivals have either been overthrown by new ones or been revitalised by new generations enjoying the break with suburban isolation in the countryside in the company of thousands of others seeking an 'alternative'. Youth rebels go back to start and educate themselves all over again about drugs, rituals of sexuality, violence as they do not trust their elders for them.

ANARCHISTS & RACISM

Anti-racism, anti-fascism has always been active tendency in anarchy as the Italian, Portuguese and German movements and most widely known the Spanish revolution against the Franco lead Phalange. Anti-semitic purges especially in Russia were used to terrorise anarchists who were either Jewish or defended their community from pogroms. Indian anarchists like the Magon brothers and Zapata in Mexico joined the social revolution to get land redistributed back to the indigenous people. Anarchists in Japan, China, India and Korea were attacked by nationalists who were fascists or Stalinists; or by invading colonial or imperialist military forces.

Anti-slavery movements also had anarchists involved in the front lines and some ex-slaves became anarchists like Lucy Parsons. In more recent times activists like Lorenzo Komboa Ervin have helped relaunch the Black Community partisans in the North American ghettos.

In Australia there are still indigenous anarchists and the present conservative government attacks on Aboriginal bureaucrats will see them go back to their recent origins like the Tent Embassy in Canberra as the legal and health services are defunded and self-managed cashless networks of mutual aid are the real community.

The 'dispossessed' survivors in the urban and edge of rural town slums are under seige by the police. The Royal Commission into Black Deaths in Custody in the 1988 Bicentennial white-wash was a lawyers picnic and deaths in custody of Blacks in particular remain higher than before the R.C. Squatters are resisting in Redfern to being evicted as

this is written by the wannabe black petitbourgeoisie and bureaucrats on behalf of the Olympic fast bucks machine and the inner city gentrification/yuppie invasion.

COLONISATION II

First the invaders took the land now they're back for more Now showing in Redfern

The regional examples of Bougainville and East Timor where armed revolt became necessary will find echoes here as the attacks of the racist right thugs and Mining and Pastoral Corporations will deny Kooris their right to even marginal survival and land control.

BELABOURED

The official labour movement is going into a period of real decline in numbers as casualisation decimates Awards and automation and privatisation destroys traditional workplaces.

Where are the fruits of rank and file organisation? The culture of expecting, demanding and struggling for improved wages and conditions and less work hours is withering as the roots of confidence shrink due to lack of solidarity water. Attempts to merge unions into superunions has seen metal workers and building workers get some muscle but they are rare most have become even more centralised dead-weight. Attempts to break-away by the Rural & Shearers from the reactionary AWU for example have been isolated not only by the bosses and the corrupt AWU bureaucrats but the officials of other unions fearful of radical unionism organising.

ANARCHY

Anarchy balances the individual and the community. Anarchy is not liberalism or socialism it is neither Left nor Right.

Liberalism makes the individual everything and community is small town authoritarianism and middle-class "private" suburban tract enclaves of rampant consumerism where neighbours are total strangers.

Socialism relegates the individual to the bourgeois slag heap until, after the revolution and community is the almighty mass-class of workers too stupid to think for themselves, hence guided by the benevolent "dictatorship" of the advanced class of intellectuals the Party.

Recently some ideologues of anarchism like the North American writer Murray Bookchin or the Australian Rebel Worker editor Mark McGuire have set up a bullshit argument between communist and individualist anarchy which they call "social anarchism" vs "lifestyle anarchism".

Way back some activists first called themselves anarchists in recognition of the desirable anarchy and to confront their enemies who denounced them as anarchists for their militant direct action tactics and overall atheist and communalist strategy. Early open anarchists include William Godwin and Pierre Proudhon. Other tendencies in this movement to end class society included Nihilists who saw destruction as the only creative response to the present society.

global media event (which *The Times* on October 5 1986 revealed, but never paid Vanunu for by that time), he remains in jail and Israel continues its nuclear madness.

PAUL WHITE DIES TONIGHT

The Wishart book examines the process as a journo of finding out and exposing corruption this time in New Zealand. From the shady cover of a tropical tax haven, the Cook Islands, capo money maggots hatched a billion dollar plan to raid the treasuries of the world, robbing the poor to give to the rich.

In June 1992, a 26 year computer dealer Paul White bought for \$550 some second hand computers. The former owners Citibank Auckland had also left 90 discs and papers of banking details. White decided via a lawyer to return the discs after a payment so the sensitive information he had seen would not be revealed.

While the lawyers negotiated White was under surveillance by the Secret Police and threatened by SAS military thugs acting in a privatised capacity for the European Pacific tax-dodging bank, and the politicians they manipulated. In the space of twelve hours he was paid \$15,000, robbed of it, and killed in a car 'accident'. But the shonky banking details had been copied, secreted away like squirrel's nuts, and later turned up and used by politicians like Winston Peters.

Peters used Parliamentary privilege to reveal some of the corrupt dealings linking politicians Parties, which the media had to down play within libel law restrictions.

Peters' New Zealand First Party pushed his ambitions, after he was expelled from the Bolger-lead National Party for his populist anti-corruption antics. Ironically in the late 1996 election NZ First agreed to a preferences-forged coalition with the Nationals, returning them to Government against the Labour and other minority Parties.

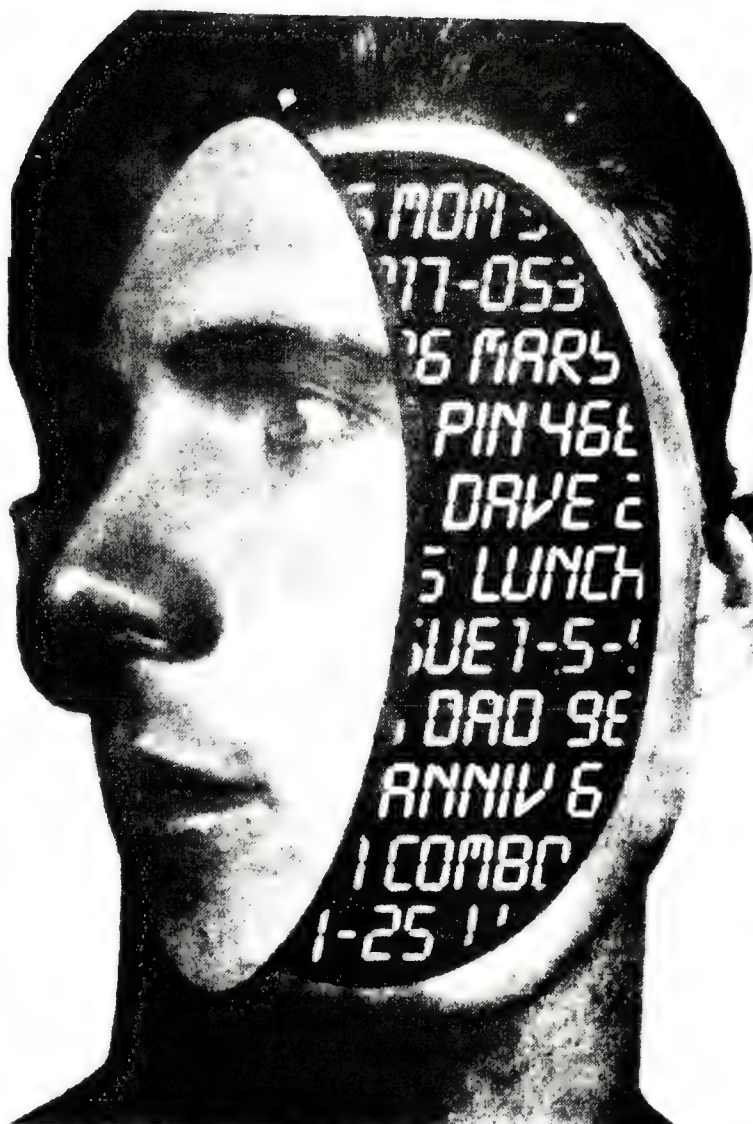
"DONT YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT"

Joh Bjelke Petersen (Queensland Premier for too long)liche while 'feeding the chooks' (the media) in the 1970s.

Politicians and elections are used as a steam valve to outlet public anger in a safe and controllable way (by the rich). Journalists are puppets used in a game to divert public attention from real issues. When the puppet realises their strings and whose pulling them they rarely cut loose preferring the security of contract their passivity rewards.

To be Independent, investigative and internationalist ensures no career, little work, jail if you do not disclose your sources or whistle blowers and sometimes murder (eg Juanita Nielsen in Kings Cross during the Victoria Street 'development' in early 70s Sydney) and the social democracies. In the dictatorships, torture, jail and murder are routine for any 'enemy of the State'. But eventually what you say or reveal gets picked up used by competing regimes to show their 'tolerance'.

In Australia & America we hear of some eg. Chinese non-violent ala Amnesty



International 'prisoners of conscience' 'dissidents'. But East Timorese, West Papuan, Bougainvillean, New Caledonian and resistance fighters in 'our region' are ignored on behalf of the exploiting Corporations like CRA RTZ. Four Australian journalists were murdered in East Timor in 1975, during the invasion. Their Australian 'colleagues' were quiet then and since.

Since the end of the Cold War how many "brave dissidents" do we get to hear about exposing the new privatised Gulag's, ex-KGB Mafia's (like the ex-CIA Contras) and military follies? Lost innocence, shattered illusions or just popular apathy and amnesia - a long memory is a radical thing these days.

WHO IS THE BAGMAN or ARE ALL BANKERS WANKERS?

Money get back, I'm all right jack keep your hands off my stack.

Money it's a hit, don't give me that do goody good bullshit.

I'm in the hi-fidelity first class travelling set And I think I need a Lear jet

Pink (rich wankers) Floyd. Lyrics to Money on Dark Side of the Moon 1972.

The Big Baaaad Boyz in the scam on the taxpayers were the likes of the Bank of Credit & Commerce International who had assets & reserves of \$US 152 billion. They banked with the Rarotonga branch of European Pacific. BCCI collapsed in July 1991 when its assets were seized and senior staff arrested on fraud charges. Even for the Nazi gold etc money-laundering 'neutral in Wartime' Gnomes of Zurich, Switzerland and other global bankers, BCCI became an embarrassment and of course once 'illegal' was lootable.

The 90's younger guard of ruling class were hunting down the old guard of corrupt polities regimes to install themselves and their own cronies as the new on-the-take elite. Eightie's entrepreneurs were exposed and served up ala Alan Bond & Laurie Connel in Perth W.A. as scapegoats to reassure the jaded public that some ruling class bods would be disciplined, (well kinda, maybe, not Chris Skase and John Elliot). Lately the media pilloried Melbourne's Paxton family by Ray Martin (but not his real bludger boss Kerry Packer) or Palm Island Murries by Pauline Hanson. So its back to fundamentalist economics: putting the fear into the poor.

PUT ANOTHER POLLIE ON THE BARBIE WILL YA MATE!

er, some pollies from WA Inc like Brian Burke and David Parker got jailed. But the even older nepotist corruption proved hereditary with the Sir Charles Court dynasty son Richard elected to lead the born-again looting through mining Liberal empire in WA. Bigger sharks like ex-Prime Minister Bob Hawke avoided jail and still travels the globe doing business tours eg. to the butchers of Burma's State Law & Order Restoration Campaign regime.

Social democracy ensures while the elected dictators change. Unlike say Indonesia where 30 year plus regime of

Suharto grinds bloodily on with new 'riot response centres run by the military in all major population areas. Institutionalised corruption, police brutality, racism, sexism, homo phobia, pollution and biological holocaust carry on as business as usual. If the rich get worried they unleash fascism. This century has seen Russia, Portugal, Italy, Japan, Germany, Spain, Argentina etc go towards Military dictatorship and more recently China, Brazil, Uruguay, Rhodesia, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Greece, Turkey, Chile... all Governments around the world have at some time been openly military-industrial complex-run or done the business of supplying armaments or laundering money for these empires.

THE GREENING OF AUSTRALIA

In Australia in 1975 the American Government on behalf of the military industrial capos installed Marshall Green as US Ambassador. Green, a CIA destabilisation expert, had previously been involved in the 1955 coup in Indonesia, which saw 500,000 communists and their friends and relatives murdered en masse to stop a phoney 'uprising'. He was also stationed and active in Greece which installed 'the Colonels' and became a base for the neo-Nazi resurgence in Europe. He oversaw the assassination of Diem in Vietnam which justified the coup, and went on to Chile to supervise the Pinochet lead-military coup in 1973.

Green stated that if the ALP 'socialists' tried to nationalise the US Corporations profiteering in Australia eg Utah Mining or stall the Pine Gap (outside Alice Springs) Surveillance HQ contract renewal he would move in, not with Marines, but bring down the regime, and make sure a submissive one was elected.

OPEC oil prices went up in 1973 and the Arab capos began investing around the globe and lending to various governments and companies and banks like BCCI. In December 1974 the Whitlam Cabinet sought out Billion dollar loans via Tahir Kemal, a Pakistan-based financier and Melbourne based George Harris the local money maggot.

The Murdoch and Packer media put the fear of debt into the populace and the disinformation brought on destabilisation. This technique used in the 90s in the Victorian, South Australian & West Australian State elections and later the Federal election that brought in the current Howard-head regime. The Liberal Party blocked supply in the Senate, twice, to serve the US and its own power seeking interests.

Ironically toxic industry and petro chemical agriculture ensures conveniently that as the top of the food chain we get the biggest dosages thus manufacturing the merchandise we fetishise of our doom. Australia holds the global record for exterminating the most plant and animal species. This is the real economy's 'balance'. Some of the rich are into organic food, at least for their brat kids, while getting McDonalds as a staple for the proles.

IN IT FOR THE CRACK

But I digress, BCCI was an international money launderer, drug financier & gun runner originating in the 1970s Brussels based arms manufacturer Commerce International. They supplied nuclear weapons technology to countries like Pakistan and laundering slush funds for the Iran/Contra arms deals. Traces of their 'style' are still to be found in such recent events as the 'Crack' cocaine supplied to Los Angeles Gangs, the Crips & Bloods, which they bankrolled on behalf of Contras and the privatised CIA operations.

A series of articles by *San Jose Mercury News* journalists exposed the crime and *Los Angeles Times* journalists down played the accusations. But a populist Black Democrat Californian polmie Maxine Walters conducted a series of town meetings in several cities around the country to stoke the outrage among blacks and others over the charges against the CIA.

The House & Senate Intelligence

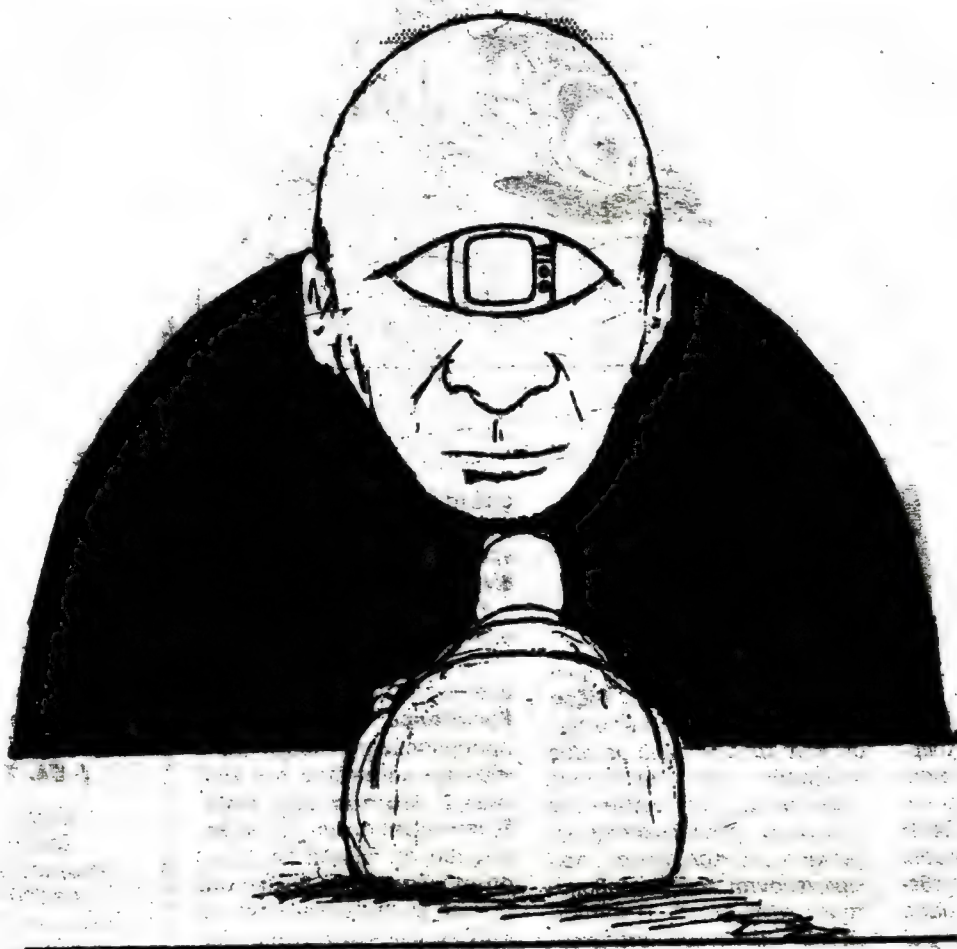
committees launched investigations, and now there is an inquiry by the CIA into the CIA! The investigators are researching over 10,000 documents from the late eighties and interviewing 200 former Contras and CIA officials. But they are looking for information that was covered up or never reported and they have no power to compel current or former agency officers to testify. "We can't know what nobody will tell us about." What they do find out has to be shepherded through internal CIA reviews to get an unclassified version for the public.

PARANOIA IS JUST HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OR JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE PARANOID DOESN'T MEAN THEY AREN'T OUT TO GET YA!

How many recall cheap heroin flooding ghettos in the 70s; the Tuskegee 'scientific study' when 652 black men suffering from syphilis went untreated, Watergate and Prez Nixon's crimes, the FBI Cointelpro to spy on and discredit the American Indian & Black Panther movements and Martin Luther King; Iran-Contra and the Savings & Loan 'scandal' all covered up nicely it seems.

BUY AUSTRALIEN

Here in Oz the Ananda Marga movement once it got interested in 'PROUT' - Social Justice ie anti-racism got dirty tricks program with provocateurs like Richard Seary turning an anti-National Front poster run into a would be bombing of Cameron's



New members:

If a person wishes to join the collective s/he will be expected to attend two collective meetings before commencing shifts. Then s/he will have a trial period of two months doing a shift with another member. After this time, s/he needs to be accepted by the rest of the collective and can then work alone and receive a key.

During this trial period, s/he will not be able to block consensus on major issues requiring decision making.

Leave/resigning:

If members are going to be absent for a month or more, they shall hand in their key even if they are not resigning. Upon their return, they shall act accordingly regarding decision making. ie. they would be unable to block consensus on an issue which they may have no background briefing on. Ex collective members wanting to partake in decisions shall do so at their own desire and in consultation with other collective members. They will be given a key at the discretion of the current collective at the time (depending on time absent etc).

In regard to members wishing to resign, the collective should take all necessary steps to resolve any underlying problems that may exist for a member who is considering leaving.

Observers:

One week's notice should be given to the current collective for any person/s (other than current collective members) wishing to attend a meeting (unless extenuating circumstances exist such as an overseas/interstate travelling anarchist who will only be in the area for a short time etc). For persons unknown to the rest of the collective, a member/s must vouch for and will be considered responsible for them. Observers shall explain their reason for wanting to attend a meeting one week in advance. Observers reason/s for attending the weekly collective meetings shall be adhered to or the current collective at the time may expel the observer from the meeting. This is to save the meeting from being disrupted/hijacked by individuals with other agendas dissimilar to our own.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER @ GROUPS

Barricade Books shall cooperate with other anarchist groups under free agreements and publicise other anarchist groups. Already, close ties exist between the shop and Anarchist Black Cross, Food Not Bombs, McPropaganda, SCAM publications, A Press, Anarchist Computer Group, Wimmings Space and the ASF. We welcome other groups to cooperate with us. This cooperation will be based on the anarchist principles of equality and respect for autonomy of each of the groups. We extend our solidarity with other anarchist groups interstate and internationally.

RELATIONSHIP WITH NON @ GROUPS

Our relations with other non @ groups shall be only on a basis where it is beneficial to anarchism, whether it is directly or indirectly, collectively or independently. If the situation arises where the relationship becomes too one sided, the relationship will be terminated.

EQUAL ACCESS

We recognise the involvement of children, people with disabilities and the elderly in our communities, and encourage their participation at Barricade events. We will endeavour to host functions where disabled access is provided and will try and pick up/drop off those less mobile. Child care will also be provided during all collective functions and meetings. We only ask that the collective be notified a week in advance so that arrangements can be made.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The bookshop should be involved in local community issues wherever possible so as to bolster our reputation in the local area. We should endeavour to endorse more rallies, campaigns which fit in with our ideas. We should also do more stalls at gigs, community festivals etc and in so doing, "take the bookshop and our ideas to the people". We need to make ourselves felt within industry which will be the main vehicle for social revolution. For too long, anarchism has been a sub culture divorced from the workers movement. We should also publicise in other languages and continue to stock anarchist literature in other languages.

STOCK

Any new stock will be brought to be reviewed by the collective at the weekly meeting. Material that is racist, sexist, homophobic or otherwise irrelevant to our ideas will not be accepted. We encourage DIY and self published work. All existing/current stock which may be considered questionable shall be reviewed (ie not adhering to @ principles and beliefs).

VIOLENCE

Violence between collective members shall not be tolerated. The shop should be a violence free zone and this includes all forms (physical, emotional, verbal, sexual). Individuals should take responsibility for their behaviour and recognise when things are getting out of hand at the time and if necessary, to leave the space and cool down. If this is not possible and anger erupts into threats of violence or physically threatening behaviour then the group will ask that person to leave the meeting until they cool down. If that person cannot cool down they will be asked to leave the shop. This is a safety procedure to respect the participation and safety needs of others in the group. Violence against collective members by outside hostile forces should not be tolerated. An injury to one is an injury to all. Collective members should defend themselves against their tormentors.

DRUGS

Barricade Books/Info Shop is to be a drug free zone. This means there is to be no carrying, selling, buying or being under the influence of any illegal and legal behaviour altering drugs whilst in the shop. Smoking is outside and alcohol shall be consumed in the shop only on social occasions outside shop hours. On such occasions, if an individual/s becomes aggressive and threatening to others in the group, s/he will be asked to leave by the group organising the function..

¹ Anarchy is not only desirable, but possible and anarchists are those who actively work towards it

² If numbers get higher, it will be reviewed by the current collective

We thank the wimmings space and all other individuals who helped with ideas for the formulation of this policy.

RESIDENT/S \ USER GROUP/S OBLIGATIONS

To become a resident or a user group and take-up occupancy within a room at 115 Sydney Road, Brunswick, you:

- i Must be an anarchist or must be anarchists, known to the BARRICADE BOOKS AND INFO SHOP collective and sympathetic to the aims of the BARRICADE BOOKS AND INFO SHOP.
- ii Must not be a member of a political party, A.S.I.O., police or have any ties with racists, fascists and religious organisations \ institutions.
- iii Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on and/or in the domicile at 115 Sydney Road, Brunswick, nor the abuse of state sanctioned drugs.
- iv No illegal firearms, explosives, weapons to be held on premises.
- v No paedophiles or ultra liberals to apply. [Ultra liberal is defined as 'total freedom without responsibility']
- vi Must agree in essence to the shop policy.
- vii Must attend weekly collective meetings (refer to Expectations & Cooperation 4.).
- viii Must not have pets. Fish, birds, and reptiles permitted. Cats are also suggested in an attempt to ameliorate control of mice.
- ix Must have a good sense of humour.

As a resident and/or user group member you are required to:

- a) Pay rent of \$60.00 (or less) per week, or \$120.00 a fortnight, or \$260.00 monthly (this particular calculation necessitates \$60.00 a week rent, multiplied by 52 weeks for the year, then to divide that amount by 12 months, this then equals \$260.00 a month).

You must also pay a deposit, up front of \$260.00, which is equivalent to one months rent. This weekly rent includes your part of the total rent of the building which is \$1200.00 monthly. Rent will be calculated according to the number/s of residents and/or user groups. This however will be less than or equal to \$60.00 per week, per room.

The reason for the deposit is to cover rent or any part thereof if you fail to pay-up on time. You are given one months notice to vacate and must give us one months notice if you intend to leave.

- b) There is also your part of the land tax, insurance (including public liability), council rates (incorporating waste and refuse), gas, electricity and water. Calculations bring a round figure of about \$20.00 a week for the aforementioned. This is in addition to the rent and must be paid jointly or together with rent monies.

The BACK-HOUSE has a separate telephone to the shop. Rent and other monies paid to the shop categorically exclude the use of the BACK HOUSE telephone. The BACK HOUSE and shop telephones, solely allow local calls. S.T.D., mobile, and international lines are not available.

- c) Grounds to be asked to leave are non-payment of rent, hostile behaviour with other resident/s \ user group/s (including theft and/or any type of harassment) and breaching any part or section of this policy and/or any other (collectively accepted and adopted) shop - policy, constitution, and/or statement which is presently in existence, or will be in the future.

EXPECTATIONS AND COOPERATION

1. When a room becomes vacant, it will be publicised and the prospective resident must meet with other, already existing residents, and the shop collective to be acceptable to all. If and when the prospective resident is accepted, they are then required to pay a deposit of one months rent (as previously indicated). The prospective resident will then only move into the vacant room, when the former resident vacates as agreed after one month, of either being asked to vacate or giving notice to vacate.
2. In the event of an accident, imprisonment or other circumstance/s causing the room to be vacant for an extended period, friends of the resident may use the room, arrange for the rent to be covered etc (in co-operation with other residents). Otherwise the collective will cover the rent from the deposit. The collective will attempt to make public the circumstance/s \ situation and to get support for this person. Failing that, that residents belongings will be stored until their return (this would enable the room to be filled by a new resident).
3. The building is an anarchist book-shop \ information-shop and social space. You are expected to make yourself knowledgeable with the day to day functioning of the book-shop. For example if you are a male, and a 'women only space' takes place (once per month), you would be expected not to interrupt same.
4. To remain informed about what is happening, regarding rent payment, bills, coming events, you are expected to attend a weekly book-shop collective meeting. The meetings are conducted on Wednesday nights from 6.30p.m. You are only expected to stay for the part of the agenda dealing with the residents and/or user groups. You can do this regularly as an individual or rotate it amongst the other residents and/or user groups. (It would be advantageous and prudent for at least one delegate from the residents and at least one delegate from each individual user group to attend weekly meetings)

You are expected to communicate with other residents and/or user groups and then to

communicate matters concerning them at the aforementioned meetings.

5. Residents rooms are to be individually locked up. Only you should have a key to your room. Therefore you will be responsible for all your property, belongings and possessions. A locked door on the stairs (to be built) will inhibit access from non-residents or other people. It is expected that you keep this particular door closed. If however you are expecting visitors, ensure that you are in a position to be downstairs to meet them. When you leave or are asked to vacate, you will be expected to return the key to your room and the stairs. The locks will be changed for the new resident's room and the stairway access.
6. The kitchen, bathroom, toilet and shared spaces upstairs are to be kept clean. This can be worked out on a regular rotating basis between the residents and/or user groups who access those areas. A laundromat is located directly across the road from the book-shop. The residents rubbish-bin is kept in the backyard. The rubbish-bin is to be taken out every Thursday night as the garbage collectors pick up same very early Friday mornings. Please ensure to clean up your own rubbish/mess.
7. In relation to pets, a cat to deal with mice is encouraged but other pets such as dogs are discouraged. In the past, previous residents who had a dog or dogs failed to clean up after them. Under no circumstance whatsoever is any pet permitted to defile or belaul any part of the property. Under no circumstance whatsoever is any pet permitted to harass any resident and/or any user group or its membership.
8. No illegal firearms, explosives, weapons to be held on premises. What you do in your own room is up to you. In the event of the police raiding the book-shop or the entire premises at 115 Sydney Road, Brunswick, again, we do not want to have arguments over who is responsible for discarded 'dodgy' items. Illegal business such as money making enterprises and or dealing in stolen goods will not be tolerated. Your residence will not be permitted to partake in any enterprise and will not be used as a contact point for anything illicit.
9. Upon vacating, you are expected to leave your room as you found it. This is so that the next prospective resident and/or user group does not have to clean up after you.

SECURITY

- a) Do not encourage people upstairs or to stay overnight in the premises, whom you do not know or suspect to be dodgy. If they cannot understand this make it known to others in the building and help them find other places to stay. The book-shop helps squatters by providing information. You are not obliged to put anyone up yourself. You are entitled to feel relaxed in your own space upstairs and if you feel ill-at-ease about a visitor, communicate this to others. A process encouraging good-will may be organised, so that you and the residents feel comfortable living there.

Problems with particular individuals should be sorted amongst the residents and/or user groups first. Failing that it should then be brought to the attention of the collective. All parties will then endeavour to alleviate potential conflicts and attempt to resolve them and/or reconcile individual difficulties.

- b) A fire extinguisher is located on the top floor, you must familiarise yourself with its location and be fully conversant in its use. You must also make an attempt to familiarise yourself with the location of the power-box (i.e. fuses etc for electricity), just in case there is a power-cut or black-out.
- c) Hostile intruders, thieves, rapists, fascists are to be resisted with least harm to yourself and realistically (as you may end up in court) to them within reason. Familiarise yourself with this, this may ensure that you don't get overpowered or abused. An alarm system between the upstairs, downstairs, to the outside street and neighbours is essential.
- d) Legal weapons, self defence and first aid technique education are available. You should become familiar enough to feel confident to show others how to deal with basic problems.

A variety of groups use the building. A notice board of up and coming events for the coming month will be updated by the book-shop collective. Anyone wanting to know if there is a vacancy available, can then be updated quickly. Amongst other things the library and computer users, Food Not Bombs, Womens Space, Anarcho Syndicalist Federation Group of Melbourne, Anarchist Black Cross, and social nights with videos, cafes and discussions etc will take place when the building is fully utilised.

To use the cafe-social space for a meeting etc costs \$10.00 a night which will cover costs of using electricity/gas/water and contribute towards the buildings rent/bills eg land tax/rates etc. Be aware that public meetings cannot be held here, so ensure you tabulate and word your event accordingly.

The anarchist revolution is not only desirable but possible and we actively work towards it, and to bring it about in our own time. Living in a social space you should feel comfortable dealing with the public and be open to learning new things, from new people from all sorts of cultures. Diversity is encouraged (not uniformity) and how best to organise is up to each individual. You are encouraged to get involved with at least one of the activities related to the building. This may change your life forever, for the better hopefully and certainly give you life skills which you can adapt to wherever you roam later on.

home. The cops frame-up in the wake of the Hilton Hotel Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and military saw three innocent men do serious jail time. In bitter irony a re-run was tried with Framed II when Tim Anderson was again on trial for the Hilton Bombing. The same corrupt cops and ASIO/military creeps have kept their empires expanding even now despite the end of the Cold War to control the drug supply to the suburbs and wage State-sponsored terrorism on their enemies.

So too in Australia when the Royal Commissions into Black Deaths in Custody and Nugan Hand Bank scam or Queensland Corruption or the Pyramid Building Society 'collapse'... Most 'whistle blowers' and investigative journalists come up with this official or proper channels farce: the cops investigate themselves, the bankers regulate themselves, the capitalists look after themselves very nicely thank you.

BIGGER GLASS CAGES & LONGER CHAINS

"For those of us who still remember the days of investigative reporting....this new brand of shallow 'McNews' was like working in a tropical fish tank, with our audience swimming around with us. Inside the tank everything is warm and brightly coloured, and we all have a sense of our benevolent leaders and masters throwing a few crumbs of food in at the end of each day to keep us happy.

Our fish tank is illuminated by powerful lights, so that we reporter-fish can clearly see the goings on of the audience-fish, but there's so much glare that we can't see beyond the tank's four glass walls, and here we live out our lives, well fed, well watered, content in our knowledge that this is our world.

The reality is that beyond our fish tank is a darkness, a chasm where the powerful congregate and scheme, their machinations beyond the scrutiny of journalists or the public trapped in that carefully constructed glass cage.

The crumbs of food and information that trickle down to all of us in the tank are but remnants left over from the feeding frenzies of the corporate sharks and the political remora fish that accompany them. Of all this, we remain blissfully unaware.

And so it might have remained, but for the fact that Paul White's death effectively shot out one of those bright lights surrounding the fish tank. Just for a moment...I had glimpsed into the small patch of darkness and caught sight of our own Loch Ness monster - a disturbance in the currents that indicated there was more to reality than the daily doings of our fish tank.

The tricky part would be finding a way to tell the audience-fish of our experience without being laughed out of the tank."

from Ian Wishart *The Paradise Conspiracy*

"Society thrives on rumour and speculation, they are the undercurrent of democracy and autocracy alike. When governments or private corporations indulge in it, it's called 'intelligence'. When the public do it it's called gossip, and when the media does it, it's called 'defamation', and results in hefty lawsuits from aforementioned Governments and corporations. I knew that these claims were defamatory in their raw state, so I opted to file them under X - for unexplained."

from Ian Wishart *Defence of the Realm*

THE LIE FACTORY

The mass media has a series of Allen Invasion films eg *Independence Day* and even TV shows like *the Invaders* and now the *X-Files* as well as Unexplained 'stars' like Uri Geller spoon-bending or Eric Von Daniken using archaeological sites to illustrate how Aliens have visited. One great satirical video *They Live* reveals via some useful sunglasses that Aliens are among us and running the economy for their ends and all advertising and media is subliminally pushing us into submission. Most anarchists as atheists are amused at all this as it drives the fundamentally religious nuts. The Koran, Bible, Baggavad Gita, Torah don't explain real geography (so much for the all seeing God who missed Australia, South America etc.) let alone life from or on other planets. Hence all sorts of revision by the one God one religion one holy book one brain cell types to incorporate the new chaos physics and discoveries and technology.

New religious drivel like New Age hustlers ripping off animist/aboriginal beliefs and selling themselves and their crystals etc as the personal solution to your boredom and stress and their empty bank balance has seen crap like the Celestine Prophecy the latest in a long line of snake oil quackery. At Barricade Books a recent title *The Celestine Fallacy* gets stuck into the latest lie factory merchandise. Another great book is Gita Mehta's 1979 *Karma Cola* (*Marketing the Mystic East*) which would need another volume to bring up to date the scams of the spiritual stock exchange entrepreneurs and gurus.

Newer versions of the trusty model include, the Hare Krishnas (though you do get free or cheap food if you 'sing for your supper' like the Salvation Army make the desperate do), Guru Maharaj Ji, Bagwan Ragneesh (the 'orange people' also known as Bogwash). Recent competition as to who the next Dalai Lama of Tibet will be has seen a Western media hyped exile version marketed by the exiled 'Spiritual Fuhrer' and a Chinese State puppet model.

ILLUMINATUS or GREED IS GODLINESS

Is it really so absurd to think that every American President except Kennedy was a Mason and that every assassin has been a Catholic? "What *Lord of the Rings* did for romantics and hippys, *Illuminatus* will do for paranoids" said one reviewer. But it is really more like *Gulliver's Travels* of the Acid Age. It tells us everything we've always wanted to know about the Bavarian Illuminati but were afraid to ask. This Master Conspiracy unfolds with the Illuminati vs. the Legion of Dynamic Discord each battle peels away one conspiracy after another. There is wacky philosophy galore and explicit heterosexual sex of the male fantasies of Robert Anton Wilson and Robert Shea.

It even contains a satirical summary of *Atlas Shrugged* the Ayn Rand 'libertarian' capitalist novel called *Telemachus Sneezed*. Ayn Rand was a Russian exile who embraced American style capitalism with a feminist ie pro-abortion anti-religious style; had one of her novels *The Fountainhead* filmed (about a woman architect played by Barbara Stanwyck). It is being redone by Hollywood with modern corporate feminism stars for today.

The 70's saga *Illuminatus* has been put onto the stage in London in a 12 hour

version and put on radio and reprinted in novel and comic form.

Government has always been a racket through which the elitists have to rule the world, while throughout history the anarchist tendency has tried its damndest to see they don't succeed. Dolphins incidentally are anarchists from way back, and their spokesfish Howard, is a welcome break from the acid-type fantasy where the narrative threads unravel.

IT'S ALL A PLOT

The gaga wing of the authoritarian Right has always delighted in conspiracy theories to explain why the masses are not happy with exploitation and despots. Modern versions go from the Freemasons to the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (a myth manufactured by the secret police and used to persecute Jews in Tsarist Russia and still distributed by the anti-semitic League of Rights), from the Communist world conspiracy to Aliens running the Government; puppets in a massive coverup where the United Nations on behalf of the New World Order is preparing the planet for our Alien soon to be apocalyptically revealed Masters.

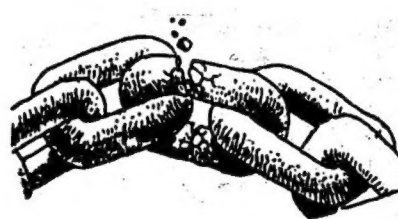
The American Right has always cherished the illusion that enterprise and initiative, without any government force can build up wealth. This is the theory of so-called 'individualism'. In England this is the doctrine of the law & order party. With gurus like F.A. Hayek, they have pushed the 'hang 'em, flog 'em, jail 'em' line eg 'three strikes you're out' and truth in sentencing' Legislation and of course privatisation.

GUILT FREE SHOPPING

Opposition to Authoritarianism in the 70s saw the militant liberals reject military conscription 'to live lives as free as possible' but still feeling guilty about their material possessions. Now those who want to do drugs, own automatic weapons, slap around kids and women etc do not have to feel guilty about the way they bought their leisure. 'Compassion fatigue' has set in and demos are a hassle (eg the fate of the East Timorese has been marginalised unlike when Conscription meant a real likelihood of going to bloody Vietnam). No matter what their fashion (workerist or lifestyle) it is chic to be apathetic to direct action against powerful groups. Hence the return of easier scapegoats like dolees, latest immigrants, Kooris etc.

NEITHER POLITICAL CORRECTNESS NOR RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM

Anti-Government conspiracy paranoia has been colonised by the Right. The Left WHILE REALISTICALLY FEARFUL OF THE CIA still worship nationalisation, expropriation by the State policed by their KGB. The former Stalinist regimes of Cuba, Vietnam, Laos have embraced market socialism following the lead of the Russian Nomenclature now gangsters and the Chinese Communist Party card carrying yuppies exploiting cheap labour in the Free Trade Enterprise Zone in the South.



BACK TO BASICS

Libertarians define their 'anarchism' as the 'free market' based on competition rejecting cooperation, the mutual aid ethics of responsibility and accountability. Capitalism turns rebellion into money like Nike's street uniform. They sponsor sport Stars who sell the corporate logo JUST DO IT so you pay cash or clean plastic card at the counter. Conform its easier. From Greenpeace executives to the Sex Pistols Filthy Lucre the know-all cynical yuppie rejects traditional, revolutionary anarchism, which they ignore or falsify as being Left. Yet Bolsheviks in 1917-21 Russia like Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin persecuted and murdered anarchists as have their heirs Mao, Castro, Ho Chi Minh, Pol Pot etc. Laissez faire 'Free market' competition is really monopoly, enforced by State violence to protect investments and property from wage-slaves and the have-nots of this world. For a mega-Spectacle like the Olympics to be held in Sydney in 2000 those who cannot be bought off will just be evicted as in Redfern's poor or any other inner-city 'trouble' to make the streets safe for the assimilated cadres of the commodity culture to flaunt their wealth.

Chic Nikes made in Indonesia by \$2.50 a day wage slaves and Sex Pistol CDs pressed in China what a wacky world can't change it too much hassle, who cares everything is fucked anyway, you can't do

anything, look out for Number 1 yourself and maybe your family...syndicalism is old fashioned maaan. Well South Korea has had a general strike recently so maybe direct action will JUST DO IT for the oppressed who need a carnival, a revolution now, today, more than ever. Everything else is even more impossible to put up with. Those who dismiss revolution as rhetoric, and working class struggle as anachronistic hope in vain! A spectre haunts the capitalist system: anarchy!

Nadine Ludd.

Postscript:

When in the Cook Islands stay at the Sheraton Hotel. It has been 10 years in the making and is \$120 million in debt and is not yet built! The construction company was an Italian mafia front.

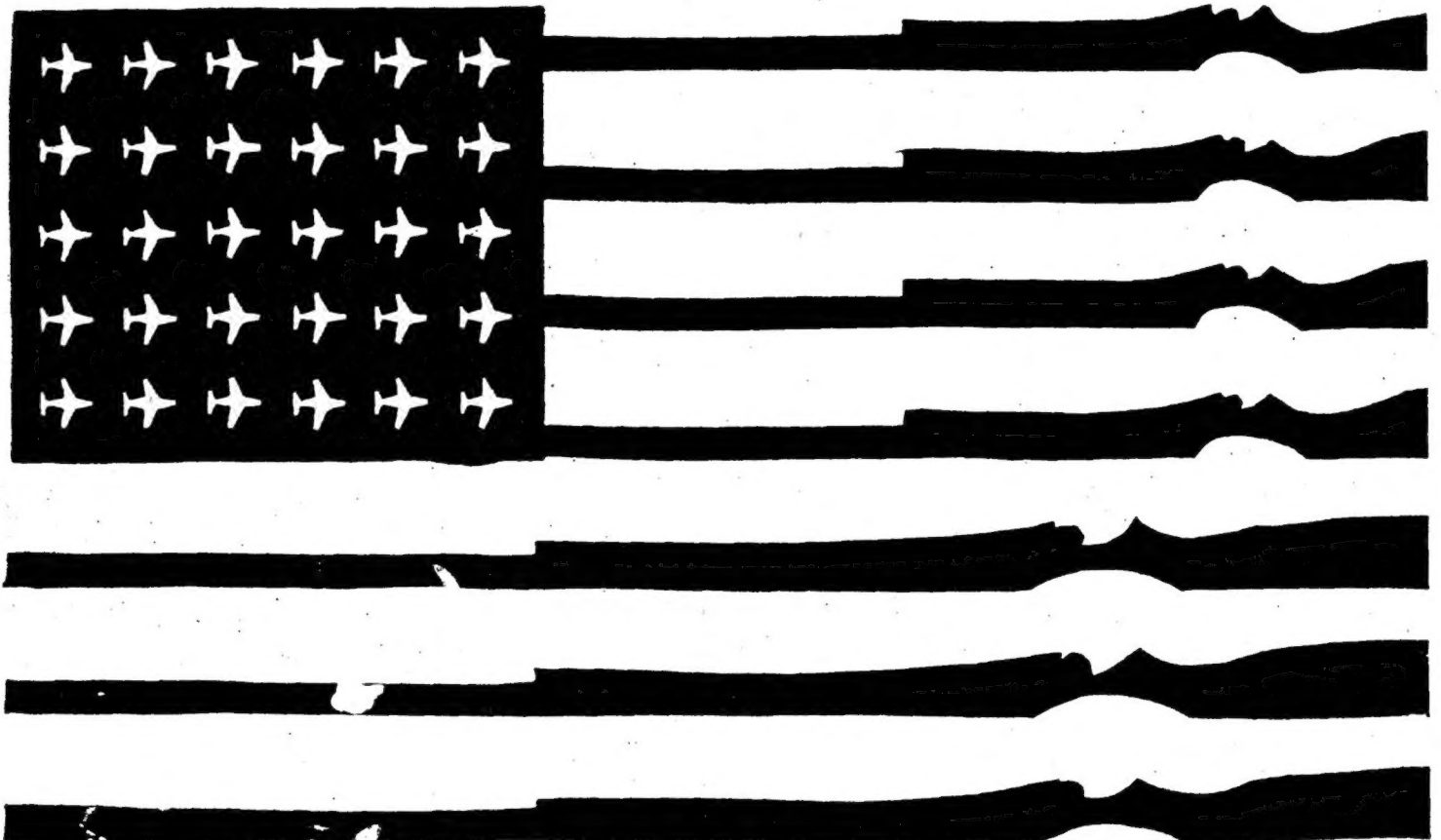
Since the end of the period of scams like 'letters of guarantee' for bogus firms there has been a financial crash and huge cuts in the public service. The Marshall Islands and Vanuatu were also scams...Where debts were bought up to make a profit; such is the weird and whacky world of capitalism. The population of the Cook Islands has dropped 20% as many go to New Zealand and then Australia where they work on chicken farms and as labourers and nurses.

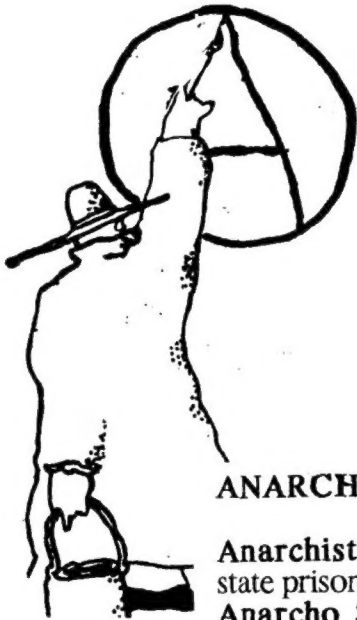
The Cook Islands regional nursing school closed and no further training is taught leaving many remote areas without medical care. The elderly in such areas survive on a

subsistence lifestyle of fishing and the land. But the youth leave in search of wage-slavery and the spectacular commodity society of the cities. To keep power the Government politicians buy votes by flying people home for holidays, buying liquor and until recently putting people who vote the

right way on the public service. They also buy off Churches eg "free labour" for the 'community project' the new Catholic Cathedral in Rarotonga and upgrades to the buildings of the 7th Day Adventist, Presbyterian and Cook Islands Christian Church ensures the flock of lambs vote the right way the preacher shepherds them.

Corporations still seek to use these islands as investments bringing new modern industries like Ostriches! Yes an Australian capo crew tried to set up Ostrich breeding farm on Menia Island in a dodgy deal with traditional owners. 200 acres was fenced off and shonky 'contracts' have seen no rent paid. The wonder industry shut down no doubt moving on to other 'under-developed regions' like Australia itself where desperation for new industries, jobs at any cost logging endangered forests, mining uranium.





ANARCHIST CONTACTS (AUSTRALIA)

Anarchist Black Cross-supports and campaigns for the release of class war and anti state prisoners worldwide. P.O Box 199 East Brunswick 3057

Anarcho Syndicalist Group-(recently formed) P.O box 98 East Brunswick, 3057

Anarres Books-sell a wide range of anarchist materials by mail order and run book stalls at various events. P.O Box 150 East Brunswick 3057

Angry People-a network of people across Australia organising working class communities against racism, sexism, capitalism. Publish a magazine and produce stickers, t-shirts. P.O Box 356 Brunswick 3056

Black Rose Bookshop 583A King St Newtown 2042 Sydney

Burning Times-Homocore zine with a focus on queers active in the independent music and arts scene. P.O Box 425 Clifton Hill 3068

Cantankerous-a monthly zine of anarcho feminist writing.

P.O Box 756 Brunswick Lower 3056

Compcoll-anarchist computer collective PO Box 756 Brunswick Lower 3056

Dry Wretch-punk distribution. GPO Box 1200 Hobart 7001 Tasmania

Jura Bookshop 436 Parramatta Rd Petersham 2049 Sydney
tel:02 95509931

Libertarian Workers for a Self Managed Society-Put out a weekly news commentary, monthly anarchist mag, run the anarchist media institute etc. P.O Box 20 Parkville 3052

McPropaganda-exposes the general evils of McDonalds (poor working conditions, shit food, eco destroyers) P.O box 199 East Brunswick 3057

Mother Earth-monthly anarcho feminist zine P.O Box 1102 Upwey 3158

Newcastle Anarchist Group PO Box 678 Hamilton 2303 NSW

No World Order-bilingual greek/english anarchist radio show covering international news and anti state sounds from greece. On 3CR (855 AM) Friday 10:30 pm-12 m'nite. P.O box 199 East Brunswick 3057

NUTS/Psychiatric Survivor Network-P.O Box 279 Abbotsford 3067

Prisoners Action Group-campaigning for the rights of prisoners and the abolition of prisons. Also do radio show on 3CR Mondays 6 pm C/O Doin Time show-3CR P.O Box 1277 Collingwood 3066

Ratbag Infoshop-PO Box 126 Cygnet 7112 Tasmania

SCAM-anarchist printing group. P.O Box 756 Brunswick Lower 3056

Southern Black Cross Distribution-punk distribution PO Box 154 Tweed Heads 2485 NSW

SPARKS-anarcho syndicalist transport workers paper. PO Box 92 Broadway 2007 NSW

Spiral Objective-punk mail distribution. PO Box 126 Oaklands Park, 5046 South Australia

SUUWA-squatters & unemployed workers airwaves on 3CR (855 AM)

Fridays 11 am-12 midday

Trevor the fish-PO Box 356 Brunswick 3056

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